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## Letters

*This issue wraps up our year-long focus on women's issues in honor of the Centenary of Coeducation at Washington College. These stories have prompted more reader response than any others we have run. I thank all those who have taken the time to write and am delighted that we could provide a forum.*

—MDH

If I had read Jennifer Albers' Currents essay, "Sexism in the Nineties," this time last year, I would have thought that she was crazy and was probably blowing people's comments and attitudes way out of proportion. After all, we had been raised in an era where there were successful female role models everywhere. Women no longer had to be housewives or work in traditionally female careers like teaching or nursing. Instead, women were free to become fire fighters, engineers, West Point cadets, Supreme Court justices, or astronauts. However, not that I am working in the "real world," I've realized that sexism and the "old boy network" is far from dead. In fact, stereotypical, sexist ideas are still obstacles that today's women must continue to work against.

As a 1991 graduate of Washington College, I've been very fortunate to find a good job in my field. I am working with an engineering company as a technical writer. I never pictured myself writing about (and enjoying) the technical side of airplanes, radar, and computers, but I

like the challenge. I am one of three professional women in my office (one software engineer, one woman in the business department, and me) and, like Jennifer, I am often asked to do tasks that are not a part of my job — extra typing, photocopying, answering the phones when our receptionist is sick, and making coffee.

I don't mind helping out when I can, but I do mind being asked to sacrifice my job in order to answer the phones all day. I am often the only woman to come to work on Saturdays, and I am always asked to make the coffee for the men who are working — even though I rarely drink coffee. I've found that my work, suggestions, and comments are not taken seriously by my bosses unless a man echoes my thoughts. My two male co-workers are praised for work that I do, and even though they readily acknowledge my work, our bosses don't seem to realize that I can do good work all by myself. I really feel like I have to be more serious, more dedicated to my work, consistently "on the ball," and an overall better worker than any of the men I work with, just to be taken half as seriously as the men in my department. When I've expressed my frustration to those men, they have acknowledged the inequity and tell me that as unfair as it may be, I'll essentially have to perform a miracle before my bosses and the men in other departments begin to take me seriously.

The other women here have experienced the same types of sexism, but have learned to deal with it and simply accept it as an unpleasant fact of life when you work in a

male-dominated field. I'm still having a hard time dealing with it. I'm not used to being brushed aside with a gallant "don't you worry your pretty little head about it" mentality, and although I've tried to give the ex-military engineers at my company the benefit of the doubt, I usually feel very frustrated! It is hard to suddenly meet with sexism and to have to struggle to be viewed as someone who is capable of performing my job well.

I'm really glad that you have published the special articles focusing on women and the challenges they must face as they try to succeed in their careers and personal lives, and I'm glad that you and Jennifer Albers recognize that sexism is far from dead. Maybe some of the women in the Class of 1992 will not be as naive and unprepared for what they find out in the "real world" as I was.

Kyndra L. Ponder '91  
Glen Burnie, Maryland

## Corrections

In the last issue, Peter Brown, Director of the School of Public Affairs at University of Maryland, College Park, was misidentified as Joseph Mihursky in the photo of Chesapeake Regional Studies program planners.

Also, Brooke Frank was misidentified as senior class president in the photo of Beneficial Luncheon attendees. Troy Petenbrink is senior class president.



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# THE REPORTER

## Celebrating Women's Ways At Birthday Convocation

George Washington's Birthday Convocation in this year of the centenary of coeducation was a celebration of women, their various achievements, and their hopes for the future. In a departure from traditional keynote addresses (almost all of which have been given by men), the College invited three nationally prominent women to give brief remarks about their work, and asked a fourth to do what she does best — perform.

Honored guests were Sylvia Alice Earle, Chief Scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association; Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund; Linda Koch Lorimer, president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College; and Martine van Hamel, one of America's leading ballerinas and artistic director of the New Amsterdam Ballet.

Emotions ran high during the ceremony as the audience was, in turn, amazed at Earle's tenacity as an underwater explorer, moved by Edelman's account of the plight of poor children, and inspired by Lorimer to take bold steps toward gender equality. No sooner had the tears for the nation's unloved children been surreptitiously wiped away than van Hamel's beautifully stunning dance performance of *The Dying Swan* brought on another secret swipe. And those were the men of the audience!

Sylvia A. Earle was presented with



the honorary Doctor of Science for her contributions to science, technology, and the environment. One of the most intrepid divers in the history of underwater exploration, Earle has led more than 50 underwater expeditions and piloted various subaquatic vehicles. In 1981 she co-founded Deep Ocean Technology, Inc. and in 1982, Deep Ocean Engineering, Inc., to design, develop, manufacture and operate equipment in the ocean and other remote or hostile environments. Since living underwater for two weeks as part of the Tektite Project in 1970, she has become a spokeswoman for global conservation. Most recently, she visited both the Prince William Sound in Alaska and the Persian Gulf to assess the environmental damage caused by oil spills.

Earle was to return to the Gulf again this spring to examine further the impact of the eight million barrels of oil deliberately dumped in the shallow body of water, an act she termed "ecoterrorism."

Dorothy Myers '24 helps plant a young tulip poplar as a replacement for the beloved Elm, lost to disease last summer. Looking on are Nate Smith, Neil Horstman, and Louis Goldstein.

Marian Wright Edelman was presented with the honorary Doctor of Laws for her work as an advocate for America's disadvantaged children. She is the founder of the national non-profit organization that speaks up for the poor, the hungry, the homeless children of the nation. The Children's Defense Fund promotes prenatal care, nutrition, immunization, housing, and education for all children. By investing in children's well-being, the American people are investing in their future, she said.

Citing statistical evidence of the plight of America's children, including the fact that every 53 minutes a child dies of poverty, she said: "I don't believe this is the best that America can

do [for its young], and if you don't believe that America can't do better, I hope you will join the effort to leave no child behind."

Linda Koch Lorimer was presented with the Doctor of Humane Letters. The young college president recounted some of the enormous strides made in academe by women since Washington College first admitted women 100 years ago. "How surprised President Reid would be if he were here today to see that Washington College's associate dean and the dean of students are women, and that the co-editors of the yearbook, the president of 'Hands Out' and the president of the Environmental Club are women," she said.

Even so, she said, much remains to be done to educate women for the benefit of men and women alike, and liberal arts communities in particular. "There is no place I know, women's colleges included, which should not be bolder about ensuring that the contributions and achievements of women, past and present, are more fully incorporated into the curriculum and that women's ways of knowing are given serious attention."

Martine van Hamel, recipient of the College's Award for Excellence, concluded the ceremony with a performance of "The Dying Swan." As principal dancer with the American Ballet Theater, van Hamel earned a worldwide reputation as a versatile and eloquent performer. Now as artistic director of the New Amsterdam Ballet, she has demonstrated remarkable choreographic talent.

After convocation, with temperatures in the spring-like 60s, the College community gathered outside to take Sylvia Earle's advice and plant a tree. The Mount Vernon Ladies Association of the Union, caretakers of the home of George Washington, donated a tulip poplar to replace the Washington Elm, along with several American hollies. The specimens were collected from the Mount Vernon woodlands, just as George Washington collected specimens for his formal gardens. Neil W. Horstman, resident director of Mount Vernon, was on hand for the dedication ceremony.

"Although George Washington is recognized as America's 18th-century pioneer American farmer, few people realize that he was also very interested in trees — not only for their obvious uses in construction, but also for their

beauty both in his landscaped gardens and in the forests that surrounded his home," Horstman said. "The young trees we see here, transplanted this week from Mount Vernon soil, have grown from the seeds of earlier generations of trees, reaching back to the 18th century, in a living continuum which bonds us all to George Washington."

Tulip poplars, several of which Washington transplanted from Mount Vernon woodlands to his bowling green in front of the mansion, are fast-growing, long-lived trees reaching heights of up to 200 feet. The American holly was a favorite of Washington's. According to Horstmann, he collected barrels of holly seed and planted them in drills to create hedge rows around his plantation. He also used them as specimen plants within his pleasure gardens.

"Today," said Horstman, "seven hollies and two tulip poplars Washington planted still survive on the grounds of Mount Vernon. These trees are truly living witnesses to the life and times of George Washington."

"It is our hope that these trees, recently planted at Washington College,

will be living symbols of not only George Washington's contributions to his country, but also to his obvious commitment to education."

## *Wubbels Is Named New Academic Dean*

**W**ashington College has appointed an organic chemistry professor involved in a national effort to strengthen undergraduate science and mathematics to serve as Dean of the College and Provost, beginning this summer.

Gene G. Wubbels, the John and Nellie Dack Professor of Chemistry at Grinnell College in Iowa and Program Director for the National Science Foundation's Undergraduate Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Division in Washington, D.C., succeeds Elizabeth R. Baer as Dean and Provost of Washington College. While Baer was on sabbatical leave this year, John Taylor, professor of political science, was Acting Dean and Provost.

## *Martine van Hamel Makes A Stunning Response*

**T**he luminous presence of ballerina Martine van Hamel graced the stage of Tawes Theatre as she gave a unique performance at George Washington's Birthday Convocation. As her response to Dr. Trout's presentation of a Washington College Award for Excellence for her contributions to the arts in America, Van Hamel chose not to speak, but to perform the moving ballet solo, "The Dying Swan." To the accompaniment performed by Louisa Marks, cellist with the Delaware Symphony, and Kathleen Mills, piano, van Hamel left "not a dry eye in the house" with her exquisite portrayal of the dying swan's last quivering moments.

The 1966 winner of both the coveted Gold Medal and the seldom-awarded Prix de Varna at the Varna International Ballet Competition,

van Hamel went on to stardom as a principal dancer, first with the National Ballet of Canada and then for two illustrious decades with the American Ballet Theatre. She is now Artistic Director of the New Amsterdam Ballet, a touring concert ensemble that has been praised by *The New York Times* as "a model of intelligent planning and consistently high artistic standards."





College President Charles H. Trout, who chaired the Search Committee, called the appointment a real victory for Washington College. "Gene Wubbels is highly regarded in his field and has played an important role in strengthening our nation's position in undergraduate scientific education and training," said Trout. "A man of capacious intellect, he is wholly committed to the liberal arts in the broadest sense."

A charter member of the Council of Undergraduate Research, Wubbels is past-president of the CUR-Chemistry Council and in 1988 co-chaired the CUR National Conference on Undergraduate Research. He has also served as Lead Writer for Project Kaleidoscope, which Trout describes as arguably the most important national science and mathematics curricular and pedagogical reform effort in the nation's history. In 1989, Wubbels received the Chemical Manufacturers' Association's Catalyst Award for excellence in chemistry teaching. The Catalyst competition places heavy emphasis on the achievements and recommendations of each nominee's former students and is regarded as the most prestigious award an undergraduate teacher can receive in the field of chemistry.

Commenting on the appointment, Jeanne L. Narum, director of both the Independent College Office and Project Kaleidoscope, observed: "Gene Wubbels is a reflective practitioner of education in the liberal arts and sci-

ences. Washington College has selected someone who has played a leading role in a national effort to strengthen undergraduate science and mathematics. I look forward to seeing what happens when he and Washington College start working together. It should be fun!"

A graduate of Hamline University, Wubbels received his doctorate from Northwestern University. In 1968, he joined the faculty at Grinnell College, where he maintained an exemplary record of teaching and scholarship. During his tenure there he specialized in advanced organic chemistry for juniors and seniors, and was actively involved in general education. He chaired the chemistry department for several years and in 1986 was ap-

pointed to an endowed faculty chair. The author or co-author of 35 articles, several of which involved his students, he also wrote or co-wrote 27 successful grant proposals to national agencies and foundations to support undergraduate research.

He was a research associate at the State University of New York (Buffalo) in 1974-75 and was Visiting Professor at the University of Leiden (Netherlands) and at the University of Colorado. Since 1990 Wubbels has been on leave from Grinnell, serving as program director at NSF.

Wubbels and his wife, Joyce, have three children: Kristen, a graduate of Lawrence University with a major in English and a recently received certificate in secondary education; Benjamin,

## *The "Sturgeon General" Fishes For Answers*

**L**ook to the ocean to understand the earth, Sylvia Earle told a group gathered in Dunning Hall to hear about her work prior to receiving an honorary Doctor of Science degree at convocation.

"The ocean is like living minestrone, full of critters and plants from the surface all the way down to the bottom. It's important to put your face in the water and see creatures on their own terms."

Earle, who earned the moniker "Her Royal Deepness" for making a record-breaking dive to 3,000 feet, is a self-proclaimed "tuna hugger." She compares groupers to golden retrievers — "they're gentle and curious, and therefore very vulnerable" — and likens her intimate study of whales to Jane Goodall's work with chimpanzees in the jungle.

Earle's scientific exploration has made her an environmentalist who marvels at the mysteries of ocean life. "We really need to review the state of our fisheries," she says, noting that the tuna and squid populations are in sharp decline. "It is disconcerting to me how many squid, a gentle and curious creature, are being taken without learning first what role they play in the deep. We must begin to think about fish as more



than something on a plate with lemon butter sauce."

Earle says the biggest challenge facing the nation is "how to live within our environmental means. How many people can the earth support?"

One definite answer is "not too many Saddam Husseins," she says, referring to the deliberate spill of millions of gallons of oil into the Persian Gulf. The oil in some places stands several meters thick and the marshes have been transformed.

"How I've wished to turn back the clock, but we do have an opportunity, a chance, to get things right."

# Edelman Speaks Out For America's Children

Accepting the Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, during Washington's Birthday Convocation, Marian Wright Edelman, president and founder of the Children's Defense Fund, spoke out eloquently on behalf of the nation's children.

She offered persuasive evidence that we simply are not doing enough and urged the audience to care not only for their children, but for the children of others.

"We have to go back to the original concept in our country that every child has an equal right to a piece of the American dream. I hope that all of us will dedicate ourselves to understanding that other people's children are going to determine the nation's future as much as our own and that we can't really save our own unless we save other people's children," she said.

"Let's commit to praying and accepting responsibility for children who spend all their allowance before Tuesday, throw tantrums in the grocery store, squirm and scream in church and temple, and pick at their



*Maria Jerardi '93 (left) with Marian Wright Edelman.*

food. But let's commit also to praying and speaking for children whose nightmares come in the daytime, who will eat anything, who haven't seen a dentist in our rich nation, who aren't spoiled by anybody, who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep. Let's pray and accept responsibility for children who want to be cared for and for those children who must be cared for.

"Let's pray and advocate for children who we never give up on, who usually are our own, but also for those children who don't get a second chance. Let's commit this day, in memory of this great man who founded our nation, to advocate and accept responsibility for children whom we smother, but also for those children who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it. I hope you will offer that hand because everything we believe as Americans depends on what each of you does."

a Lawrence sophomore; and John, a seventh grader.

In making the announcement, President Trout thanked John Taylor for his work in the Dean's Office. "When the baton is passed, the office of the Dean of the College will bear his substantial and much-appreciated imprint," he said. Trout also acknowledged the efforts of the Search Committee: Frank Creegan, Gene Hessey, Juan Lin, Maureen McIntire, Kathleen Mills, Sean O Connor, Tom Pabon, Nate Smith, and Nancy Tatum.

## Tuition and Fees Increase To \$17,440

The Board of Visitors and Governors approved a \$914 increase in tuition fees (\$13,226) and a \$198 increase in room and board charges (\$5,128), bringing the total fees for the

1992-93 academic year to \$17,440.

This year's increase in combined fees, 6.4%, is the smallest in more than a decade.

"In recent months, Washington College has not been immune from the impact of economic recession," College President Charles H. Trout said in a letter to parents and students. The College suffered a \$380,000 loss in funding from the State of Maryland and declining earnings on endowment investments, he explained, resulting in departmental budget cuts across the board.

"We have implemented, with some success, cost reduction initiatives that have enabled us to cope with the loss of substantial revenues up until now. Further cuts, however, threaten the quality of our program, and we do not want to diminish the value of services received by your sons and daughters," Trout said.

"My wish is that you will continue

to support the mission of high quality education at Washington College, and I pledge that in return for your support we shall do our utmost to hold student costs to the lowest possible level, even while making every effort to strengthen this venerable institution."

## Dalys Make Capital Gift Of \$1 Million

A n alumna and her husband have donated \$1 million to launch the construction of a new academic building and renovation of William Smith Hall.

Dorothy Williams Daly, Washington College Class of 1938, and her husband, Kenneth Daly, of Vero Beach, Florida, have pledged the lead gift for the project, which will provide 16 to 20 classrooms and office space for ap-

proximately 55 faculty now housed in Ferguson Hall and in Spanish House. A new computer room and a 100-seat classroom will also be located in the new facility. Renovations to William Smith Hall will make the building accessible to the physically handicapped.

In announcing their generous donation, President Charles H. Trout said: "Dorothy and Ken Daly entered college in 1934 in the depths of the Great Depression. We may have troubles today, but they only faintly resemble the paralysis of the 1930s. How extraordinary that now, five-plus decades later, they reaffirm their belief in the power of education — in private liberal arts in general and in Washington College in particular. I am moved by their faith in an institution about which all of us care deeply."

Dorothy Williams was a history ma-

jor at Washington College. Her husband, Ken, is a 1938 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. His career was devoted to the Nordson Corporation, a manufacturer of industrial products.

Washington College is in the process of reviewing various architectural proposals for the new three-story building, which will be sited directly behind William Smith Hall and the new mall space, between the Gibson Performing Arts Center and the Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center.

While President Trout concedes "we still have a significant fundraising task ahead of us" to complete the project, he is confident that with the Daly gift and a \$2.3 million capital grant from the State of Maryland, the College will be able to begin construction in the spring or early summer of 1993.



## *Former Tennis Stand-Out Returns To Coach*

Tim Gray, a former Washington College tennis star, returned to campus in February as head coach of both the men's and women's tennis

## *Lorimer Recounts Women's Struggle For Education*

As Randolph-Macon Woman's College and Washington College both celebrated centennials of educating women this year, Linda Koch Lorimer was asked to accept the honorary Doctor of Laws degree at Washington's Birthday Convocation. The young president responsible for bringing new energy to the southern school recalled the struggle women have had in getting educated during the past century.

"For those of us who now take for granted (almost) a female Supreme Court Justice, female astronauts and girls in Little League, and who assume that there should be more women in Congress and that the glass ceiling must be shattered, it is hard to appreciate the ambivalence at the end of the 19th century about the desirability of educating women," said Lorimer.

Even though in 1890 there was no college in the Southeast that provided education exclusively for women, the leading educator in the South suggested such a plan would be a waste of time and money, and others voiced concern that women were simply incapable of learning.

"When Randolph-Macon was es-

tablished in 1891 with the exact same curriculum of the leading men's colleges of the era, one commentator decried against the proposal for a college for women," she said, "arguing that the lure of quadratic equations would certainly cause a woman to give up the joys of motherhood; an editorial insisted that women whose minds were taxed with knowledge would become permanent sleepwalkers. Such views were evidently not considered immoderate since, during Randolph-Macon's first decade, the faculty regularly paraded the student body along the public avenue to show the neighborhood that the young women's

physical health was not being impaired by the rigor of their study."

While more than half of all baccalaureate degrees in this country last year were awarded to women, and more women are entering professional fields once barred to them, Lorimer said that gender inequality still remains.

"Part of the remaining challenge [for higher education is] to make co-education equal education," she said. She cited a study by scholars of the University of Illinois which charted what happens to high school valedictorians in and after college, and which concluded that women's journey on the upper track is somehow derailed.

According to the study, most women high school valedictorians had begun to lower their career aspirations by their sophomore year of college; few went on to pursue advanced degrees; and once in the work world, they were rated as lower performers than the male valedictorians.

Lorimer urged the audience to be as daring as those who first admitted women to colleges. "Every place can benefit from charting now an agenda which will provide true equality of opportunity and from providing a model of how other communities can most successfully draw on the best contributions of men and women."



programs. He also was named director of the College's new Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center.

Gray succeeds Thomas Finnegan, who was asked to run both programs after the College, in compliance with a commitment to hire full-time coaches for its 14 intercollegiate teams, did not renew the contracts of former part-time head coaches Fred Wyman and Holly Bramble in June of 1991.

A 1986 graduate of Washington College, Gray was a nationally ranked tennis player for the Shoremen in 1985 and 1986. He returns to Washington College from the Greenwood Country Club in Greenwood, South Carolina, where his responsibilities as a tennis professional included organizing tournaments and United States Tennis Association league play, teaching private and group lessons, and managing the facility maintenance crew and Pro Shop staff. Gray's coaching experience includes a one-year stint at Widener University as a head coach in 1987, and one season as an assistant at the University of Maryland in 1984.

Gray's responsibilities as Director of Washington College's Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center include scheduling, staffing and maintenance of the recreational facility for Washington College students, faculty and staff.

"My days as a student at Washington College were some of the best in my life," Gray said of his appointment. "I'm thrilled and honored to be able to return in a different capacity, and I look forward to continuing the winning tennis tradition at Washington College."

"Tim's enthusiasm and experience blend perfectly for this position," said Athletic Director Geoff Miller. "We feel that Tim has demonstrated the kinds of abilities necessary to run a nationally prominent tennis program and manage our beautiful new facility. His being an alumnus of the College will also be beneficial in this transition period. We gleaned Tim from a very impressive applicant pool, and we are excited to have him aboard."

The College hosted a symposium this spring to discuss the Army's proposal to burn chemical weapons stockpiled across the bay at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Opponents fear the incinerator could bring disaster.



## Two History Professors Publish

by Jennifer Golden '92

As Washington College celebrates coeducation this year, two female faculty members are about to publish books in their fields. Emilie Amt, assistant professor of history, looks forward to the publication of her book, *Women's Lives in Medieval Europe: A Source Book*, which goes to press in December. History professor Carol Wilson's book about the kidnapping of free blacks before the Civil War has been accepted by the University of

Kentucky Press. Through historical research, both professors have found new significance in women's roles.

Amt uses a draft of her book to teach the College's only continuing women's history course, "Women in the Middle Ages." She says that her students are "surprised by how many different things women in the Middle Ages were involved in."

For instance, noble women were "partners in running the castle," says Amt. A noble woman supervised her servants and peasants and sometimes helped defend the castle. "This was certainly more than just your typical housework and errands," she says. In addition, Amt found that many women were active in town activities. There were businesses run by women, guilds for women, and even entire fields of business dominated by women. As Amt states, "spinning and weaving in some towns employed large numbers of women."

Although Amt concedes that there are many books on women in the Middle Ages, there are fewer source texts available. Therefore, Amt is compiling what she says is the only anthology of medieval documents to illustrate women's lives from 500 AD to 1500 AD. Included are her translations of medieval law, church council decrees, rules for nunneries, and lawsuits

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concerning women. She also included actual documents written by women themselves, which she says was "fairly unusual during that time."

Carol Wilson, one of several new faculty members this year, did much of her research on free slave kidnapping before her appointment to WC brought her to the Eastern Shore area, where one of the more notorious kidnappers, Patty Cannon, operated. In fact the Eastern Shore has great significance to her research, she says, because of its proximity to one of the country's biggest slave markets, Washington, D.C.

Patty Cannon's gang lived in Reliance, Delaware. Known for their violence, the gang kidnapped freed slaves and sold them to southern states.

Since arriving at Washington College, Wilson has visited the Cannon house. Interestingly, the gang was able to evade prosecution by having their house situated on the borders of two different counties. "When officials came, they just changed rooms," says Wilson. Eventually, Patty Cannon was captured and died in jail. Most of the gang managed to escape.

## Faculty Earn Promotions

The Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College approved promotions for several faculty members this spring.

Promoted from associate to full professors were Albert W. Briggs and Gene Hamilton, mathematics and computer science; Steven Cades, sociology; Penny Fall, Tom Finnegan, and Karen Smith, physical education; Michael S. Malone, economics; and Timothy Maloney, drama.

Assistant librarian Judith I. Hymes was promoted from assistant to associate professor.

## Still Waiting After All These Years

by Tarin Towers '94

The drama department presented a silver anniversary production of *Waiting for Godot* in March. The production was yet another credit to Washington College's long list of accomplishments as a center for Beckett



Timothy Maloney (left, as Estragon) and Bennett Lamond (as Vladimir), encounter Jason West (Pozzo) while waiting for Godot.

studies. Assistant drama professor Dale Daigle directed one of his favorite plays in Tawes Theatre, starring two of the same actors that appeared in the College production of 25 years ago.

English department chair Bennett Lamond portrayed Vladimir, the same role he played in 1967, and Timothy Maloney, head of the drama department, formerly played Pozzo but appeared as Estragon, the other lead, for this production. Pozzo was Jason West '93, Lucky was Jason Imber '92, and the Boy was 7-year-old Ian Dias.

The 1967 production was in Norman James Theatre, and Daigle says that the move to Tawes made a big difference. "The play is written specifically for a proscenium stage . . . it works better with a big, open space.

"It's written in such a way that in order to capture the essence of the text, there's a very definite way to stage it. At the same time it has to be new and unique and different every time — that's what theatre is all about."

Daigle is known at Washington College for his innovative approaches to texts. During his first year here, he staged *Under Milkwood*, a radio play by Dylan Thomas. His next production was *Shrew* in the Fall of '90; this new approach to Shakespeare's play incorporated performance art monologues

British actress Billie Whitelaw, a leading interpreter of Samuel Beckett's plays, read and discussed the playwright's work *Sophie Kerr Weekend*. She was presented with the College's Award for Excellence.

by Kate Finlay as "interludes," and his production ended quite differently: Kate committed suicide in the last scene. In the spring of '91, Daigle directed *Drinking in America*, a collection of monologues by Eric Bogosian.

Daigle explains his approach to *Godot*: "Beckett is so specific in the way he writes a play that he does a good deal of directing for you . . . For the most part I've remained faithful to the text. The changes we've made are the last changes that Beckett himself made before he died.

"I've always loved Beckett," continues Daigle. "His scripts are so precise. There really is not a superfluous detail in this script, for certain — every single element, from stage directions down to punctuation, matters — that's just not true of any other playwright I can think of. I've directed this play twice before, and I still discovered new things at each rehearsal and performance."

The students involved in this production were just as enthusiastic. Senior drama major Jason Imber felt "Lucky" to be in *Godot*. "Of all the shows I've worked in at WC, I've learned more working with Timothy Maloney and Bennett Lamond than I have in any other play before."

Rick Davis designed the lights and Jason Rubin designed the set. The rest of the cast and crew were made up Stage Manager Steph Hess '92, Assistant Director Carey Smith '92, Assistant Stage Manager Richard McKee '95, Costumer Shan Driscoll '92, and Melanie Green '93 and Abrah Wilberding '94 on Props. Imber was also the Technical Director.



PHOTO: KRIS WALLENBURG

# WC Tutors Reach Out To Local Schoolchildren

Disadvantaged children identified as most "at-risk" for failing academically at two local schools in Chestertown are getting help with their studies and a boost to their self esteem, thanks to a group of Washington College students operating an intensive tutoring program.

Elementary and middle school-aged children who once dreaded spelling tests or math class now look forward to spending two hours every Monday and Wednesday afternoon with their new-found friends — college students who are taking time away from their own studies and recreational pursuits to help a child in need.

Since the program began in January, 40 college students have signed on to help with various phases of the program, from afterschool pick-ups, providing snacks and supervising arts and crafts activities, to the actual tutoring of 20 young students.

Says Jennifer Del Nero, a junior English major who helped establish the tutoring program with two other women, "The kids really look forward to it. Their faces just light up. The first day of the tutoring program I was walking a little girl from school to the campus and she said, 'I want to go to college one day.' I just hope that she can keep that dream alive."

The program is the brainchild of sophomore Stephany Slaughter, who as an education student was tutoring



*Nathaniel Copper (left) reviews his schoolwork with Beth Clementson '95.*

within the schools. "She was struck by how much more time was needed to make an impact," Del Nero says of Slaughter, who spent the spring semester in Madrid.

Slaughter approached sophomore Maria Jerardi, leader of the campus student volunteer organization Hands-Out, with the idea to expand tutoring beyond the education department as a community outreach program. The three spent the fall semester talking with teachers, parents, college faculty, and administrators, came up with a plan, and then matched students and tutors.

**Tutors focus on helping children**

master the basics, while providing a caring and fun atmosphere during their breaks. "One of the things we try to do is match the needs of students with the strengths of each tutor," says Del Nero. Whether it's helping with math, teaching English as a second language, or trying to get a child to let down his guard, the tutors are working one-on-one.

"For the middle school boys, many of whom have no male role models at home, it is especially important to have male tutors," says Jerardi, who enlisted several freshmen men to help out. "This is one of those long-term commitments that is really important," she says.

School officials are seeing results. Chestertown Middle School principal Lloyd W. Taylor says his students are responding well to tutoring — they are completing homework and they are getting some encouragement and direction after school. "Kids look up to college students. When they [college students] talk, it's like E.F. Hutton, these kids listen. And these are kids who might not listen to their teachers or their parents."



*Ann Veiga (seated), Keri Nygard '92 and illustrator Sarah Lyle Cambier '94 collaborated to publish a children's literary magazine this spring called "Shoestrings." Veiga and Nygard worked with fourth graders at Garnett Elementary School to gather children's poems and stories for the publication, which also included poems and stories penned by WC students.*

# Will Baker Tries To Turn The Tide For The Troubled Chesapeake

by Marcia C. Landskroener  
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The Chesapeake Bay has become many things to many people —home, workplace, recreational center, tourist attraction, fishery, shipping route, classroom, and laboratory. In spite of, or perhaps even because of its mass appeal, the Bay also has become a toxic stew pot teetering on the brink of survival. With the splash of an oil spill here, the dash of a discharge there, and just one more residential development sprinkled on filled wetlands, the concoction of pollutants simmering in the Bay could irreversibly damage the whole ecosystem and forever change the flavor of the lives of all those who call the Chesapeake Bay region home.

William C. Baker, a trustee of Washington College, says that while the "dead sea" scenario is indeed possible, it is not inevitable. He is doing all he can as president and chief executive officer of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to make sure that the ecological broth of the Chesapeake Bay not only does not get any worse, but actually improves over time.

"When my son, Jake, was just two years old, I took him down to the city dock with a crab net," says Baker. "We didn't catch any crabs, but my son was delighted to scoop up a dead menhaden in his net. It struck me that this would be one of his earliest memories of the Bay. And I thought about what *his* son's earliest memory might be.

"Because damage to the Bay happens incrementally, it could be, by then, that we will have a system that is literally hazardous to our health. The Bay waters themselves may actually be acutely toxic. I hope that doesn't happen, and I don't think it will. The legacy that I would like to leave for my kids, and for everyone's children, is a Bay that's much better than we have now. I hope that in the history books, 1992 marks a low point from which we steadily improve."

More than two decades after the first warning signal blasted on Earth Day in April of 1970, alerting the planet's inhabitants that they were going through natural resources as if there were no tomorrow, millions of people concerned about what is happening to the land and water and air around them finally are adopting a conservationist philosophy. Recycling is a growing (though troubled) business, dolphin-safe tuna is a marketing trademark, and marsh-mucking outings have replaced the scenic country drive in certain circles.

Regionally, voters and legislators have finally reached a consensus that the Bay is suffering from system-wide problems, a thesis advanced by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for 25 years that has only lately begun to sink into public consciousness. Meanwhile, the Bay has been in steady decline as the region continued to lose to devel-

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Will Baker stands outside Chesapeake Bay Foundation offices in Annapolis—a recycled church on Prince George Street.

opment the essential ingredients that helped keep the system in balance—forested land and wetlands. The canary in the coal mine may very well be the native oyster, whose population today stands at a meager one percent of its number before heavy harvesting began after the Civil War, and whose harvest this season was an historic low. Like forests, wetlands, and grasses, the oyster plays an important role as a water filter and purifier.

Persuading the public that the Bay really is in trouble and in need of a massive restoration campaign has been the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's greatest success, says Baker, who joined the organization right out of Trinity College in 1976 (when the public's environmental awareness was at a low ebb, he notes) and was named executive director in 1982. "Up until 1980, the secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources claimed that those who urged 'Save the Bay' were doomsayers. That's what we were up against," says Baker.

In the early 1980s, public perception of individual responsibility for the environment changed for a number of reasons, he explains. First, there was a nationwide backlash against the appointments of James Watt and then Ann Gorsuch as Secretary of the Interior and Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, respectively. "People realized then that they couldn't take government-sponsored environmental protection for granted."

Second, the Environmental Protection Agency finished a study which gave definitive, system-wide descriptions of a troubled bay.

And finally, says Baker, "the Bay just looked bad. It was cloudy, full of algae; people could see evidence that the Bay's tolerance had been worn down—worsening oyster harvests, the loss of submerged aquatic vegetation, the decline of the striped bass."

As with alcoholism or drug addiction, acceptance that a problem exists is the first step toward recovery. Addicted to consumption, waste, and neglect, people now are beginning to realize that how they live their lives affects their environment. With the recent publication of Tom Horton and William M. Eichbaum's book *Turning the Tide*, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation offers the people of the Chesapeake watershed a recovery program. The book makes a thorough assess-

ment of the Bay's health, but more importantly offers solutions and encourages people to adopt an environmental ethic.

There's no time like the present to begin making improvements, Baker says. But it is going to take more than a few organic gardeners and recyclers to affect real improvement in the Bay's health. Recovery requires fundamental changes in societal attitudes toward consuming and policy reform for managing resources. People have to speak up, to let legislators know their concerns. And instead of treating pollu-

He points to Japan's new methods for dealing with human waste disposal. Instead of using water to flush away waste, the toilets in some new Japanese apartment buildings use a chemical fluid that permits waste to be separated from the liquid and then composted on-site. The liquid is then reused.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation's own environmental residential education centers use composting toilets. "They're clean, they don't smell bad, and once a year you take out a bucket of compost," Baker says.



tion, we have to learn to prevent it.

"Since World War II, our society has been driven by marketing," says Baker. "Madison Avenue spends huge sums of money every day trying to persuade us that we must have products we didn't even know we needed. And when 'consumer confidence' falters, our economy stalls. It's a vicious cycle. It is hard to believe, but the United States, with only 5% of the world's population, uses 25% of the energy."

Money would be better spent on marketing of technology and services that save energy, he says, such as closed-cycle waste water systems, alternative solid waste disposal, electric-powered cars, and mass transit.

"So much of this technology is already available," says Baker. "It's just not in demand because we don't have laws that require it, and until you do people don't tend to use it. The technology is there."

Will Baker shares his commitment to the environment with his two children, Alden, 4, and Jake, 6.

"There is something idiotic about a practice that uses water, one of the most precious natural resources, to transport waste from one point to another point, which then requires that billions of dollars be spent to clean up the wastewater before it can be put it in our rivers, bays, and oceans. There have got to be better ways. We're talking trillions of gallons of water. People believe we've got such abundance in this country that we can afford to waste, but it's starting to catch up with us."

During an economic recession environmental concern often wanes, and governmental funding for environmental aid is diverted. Although he says that, from the Bay's perspective, the economic recession couldn't have

come at a worse time, Baker is optimistic that the people in the Bay region will face reality and continue their efforts toward cleaning up and protecting the Bay from further degradation.

"If we can't manage a system like the Chesapeake Bay, with all the resources, technology, and overwhelming public concern, what hope do we have for the planet? There are some signs that we are learning better how to manage it, but we still have a long way to go."

He points to significant battles CBF has won in the past. In the mid-1970s,

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the Foundation blocked the proposed construction of oil refineries on the Chesapeake shoreline. "Had those refineries been built, with the potential for oil spills and increased pollution, we would see a very different system today," he says. "The Bay could have been lethally damaged."

The ban on phosphate detergents in the mid-1980s represented one of the single most significant actions to remove a pollutant from the Bay, he says. "That action cost virtually nothing and has had an enormous benefit."

Another stunning victory, he says, was the partnership Maryland formed with Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia in 1983. The three states with most of the lands and waters affecting the Bay, along with the Environmental Protection Agency, committed to halting and reversing the damage. A regional, system-wide approach to protecting and managing the Bay will have a much greater impact than a statewide approach could ever hope to achieve.

"Pennsylvania's involvement is noble," says Baker, "considering their

state isn't on the Chesapeake Bay proper. So what's in it for them? Not only do many people come down from Pennsylvania to use and enjoy the Bay for recreational purposes, but it is smart economics to keep nitrates out of the Susquehanna, and thus the Chesapeake Bay, by not overfertilizing agricultural land."

Fifteen years after its successful bid to block oil refineries from Hampton Roads, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation is taking on the oil industry again. In March the Foundation filed suit against the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for its decision to grant Texaco Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory oil and gas well in Charles County. The suit charges that DNR failed to require an adequate environmental assessment of the potential impacts of oil and gas production.

And with a full-time staff of 110, including scientists, lawyers, land planners, environmental educators, and grass roots specialists, CBF continues in its role as environmental watchdog, overseeing permit applications and discharge treatment levels, lobbying for environmentally sensitive legislation, conserving land through holdings of sensitive areas, such as the 800 acres of marshland it owns on Smith Island, and conducting an extensive environmental educational program ranging from canoe trips for middle-schoolers to an internship program for Washington College students.

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The biggest challenge ahead for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation is the issue of land use and property rights. What happens on land ultimately affects the water because forests, open space, and wetlands are natural treatment systems that remove pollutants through seepage and percolation.

"Ironically, the fact that people love the Chesapeake Bay region could be hurting it most," says Baker. "People are moving here in droves. They want a place to live, a place to shop, a place to recreate. That's all fine and good, but we have to begin asking ourselves whether we want developers to determine how and where we develop our

land. I'd rather see current residents given a say in where new development should go and where it shouldn't."

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is a supporter of Maryland 2020, legislation proposed by the Governor's Commission On Growth in the Chesapeake Bay region. Last year's version calling for local governments to direct new development to areas that can accommodate it while protecting sensitive areas and conserving natural resources, "went down in flames," says Baker.

While he concedes the State of Maryland would have had a strong role in Maryland 2020, he and other 2020 supporters thought local planners would see the value of a regional approach. "Instead they opposed the 2020 plan because they felt the State was taking away their authority," says Baker.

"We've got to develop plans for growth and development that stick to the local comprehensive plans. Very few local planning and zoning commissions adopt local ordinances that conform to their comprehensive plan; planning and zoning commissions are in the business of ruling on exceptions and variances."

The Commission proposed to categorize all Maryland property as either Developed, Growth, Rural and Resource, or Sensitive, and limit growth to already-developed areas and designated growth areas.

Rural landowners were especially critical of a plan that would jeopardize their chance to profit from the sale of their land for unrestricted development.

"People accept public ownership of air and water resources — it's *our* Bay," says Baker, "but, you know, we refer to the land as *mine*. If we put a value on natural resources like wetlands and forests and develop 'industries' to protect them, we can restore the Bay. What is the real economic impact of low-density sprawl development that promotes reliance on the automobile for transportation and requires the government to provide services and roads? What is the real impact, on the economy and on the health of the Bay, of cutting forests and filling marshes? It's incredible how much land we're losing. The question remains: How to accommodate people while maximizing our resources?"

Places like the Chesapeake Bay are proving grounds for environmental ac-

tion that could be implemented elsewhere in the country, says Baker. "This is where we as a nation can start to identify new ways of treating sewage, of managing land. We're not doing this job because we think we're going to fail. We're doing it because we think it will succeed. The Bay *can* be improved. We don't have to settle for the status quo."

For Will Baker, avid sailor and canoe paddler, saving the Bay is not just a job, it is a way of life. Committed to the three R's — reducing, reusing, and recycling — he and his family strive to conduct their lives in an environmentally conscious manner.

"We constantly go behind the kids turning lights off," Baker says of himself and his wife, Mayer. "We recycle, we compost, we try to use less water, we carry canvas bags to the grocery store. We don't use any chemical cleaners in the house — we use baking soda as a scouring cleanser and hydrogen peroxide instead of bleach.

My wife and I try to use fewer products, and we try to drive less."

Baker says it's not that hard to change old habits. "The recycling effort proves it. If you give people a chance — if they don't have to drive 25 miles to drop-off recycled materials — people will participate. We used to have two or three garbage cans a week; now we put out only one. That kind of change has an impact on people. They begin to think about the overall environment, that they can make a difference."

When Will Baker was growing up in Baltimore, the Chesapeake Bay was something to cross on the family's way to vacation at the ocean. He didn't learn about it in school, he rarely went fishing or sailing, and he wasn't aware that the Bay was being used as a receptacle for municipal and industrial waste.

"The Chesapeake Bay is a great window into science and stewardship," he says. "Now that students are required

to receive training in environmental education we are seeing some differences in the way the general population views the Bay. The public is much better-informed."

Being aware of the problems is one thing. Acting on that information is another, he says. "What is most important is for people to let their elected officials know how they feel and to take the time to get educated on the issues. If everybody who was interested did nothing more than write their elected officials and say, 'I want you to vote for the environment whenever you get the chance,' that would be easy and effective. Going the next step, learning the issues and then writing on a specific bill, is even more effective. Get involved, join one of the various organizations, ranging from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, which is regional, to the Chester River Association, which is local. Fortunately we live in a democracy and we do have a chance to change things."

## Report Card For The Bay

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Trend</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>WATER QUALITY</b>			
Nitrogen	Excessive	Worse	Linked to low dissolved oxygen and SAV** decline
Phosphorus	Excessive	Better	Linked to low dissolved oxygen and SAV decline
Dissolved O <sub>2</sub>	Too low	None*	Quite variable year to year
Toxics	Excessive	None*	Impacts poorly understood
Sediments	Excessive	None*	From farms, development, erosion
<b>HABITAT/RESILIENCE</b>			
Forests	40% gone	Worse	Least polluting land use
Tidal wetlands	>50% gone	Worse	Losses slowed since 1970s
Nontidal wetlands	Large losses	Worse	Also key for water quality
Underwater grass	90% gone	None*	Baywide water quality indicator
<b>SELECTED SPECIES</b>			
Blue crabs	Healthy	None*	Possibly overfishing crabs now
Rockfish	Threatened	Better	Harvests severely restricted
American shad	Threatened	Better	No harvests in Md. last 10 years
Oysters	Historic low	Worse	Also key for habitat/resilience
Waterfowl	Less diverse	None*	Geese healthy, most ducks not
Eagles	Endangered	Better	DDT ban key to comeback
Ospreys	Healthy	None*	DDT ban key to comeback

\*\*"None" can mean no trend documented — not that the situation is stable.

\*\*Submerged aquatic vegetation

Source: *Turning the Tide: Saving the Chesapeake Bay*

# 100 Years Later: Women Of WC Herald Dawning Of A New Age

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A visitor to campus need only glance at a bulletin board to see that, in this year that marks the centennial celebration of coeducation at Washington College, the subject of gender has leapt to the top of the agenda. There have been concerts featuring the works of female composers; symposiums on subjects like women in the military, with panelists from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; film series that tout such films as *The Famine Within*, which "explores the contemporary obsession with body size and shape among women"; all in addition to campus-wide panel discussions and special lectures.

Indeed, for female campus leaders like Lynn Clifford '93, Deb Boyer '92, Maria Jerardi '93, and India Henson '92, there couldn't be a better time to be passionate about promoting women's issues, or "human issues" as they prefer to call them. "We're slowly seeing the dawning of a new age," assesses Clifford.

Lynn Clifford leads the newly-launched Women's Discussion Group, which has covered topics ranging from codependency to young motherhood. Each Thursday night, a dozen or so young women gather in the Commons Room of the Casey Academic Center to discuss whatever topic Lynn Clifford has chosen for the week; around half the time, these meetings are open to male students as well. A highly confident and articulate young woman with blonde hair and strikingly blue eyes, Clifford takes her job as discussion leader seriously. Early in the week, she gathers and distributes a sheaf of articles, research papers, and poems, "real moving stuff," she says, that serves as a springboard for exchange. In preparation for a discussion on relationships, for instance, the selected reading was "The Man/Woman Thing: Moving from Anger to Intimacy," by Dr. Carol Tavris. The article's crux? "Women say men never talk to them. Maybe they're speaking a language we haven't learned to understand."

A psychology major, Clifford is particularly interested in gender studies. Disappointed by the College's scant course offerings in the subject, she accepted faculty advisor George Spilich's suggestion to pursue an independent study this semester. Her reading list included Gloria Steinem's *Revolution From Within*, Naomi Wolf's *The Beauty Myth*, Susan Faludi's *Backlash*, and Carol Gilligan's *In a Different Voice*.

The Women's Discussion Group actually started out last year as a support group for students with eating disorders. Though the its scope has widened considerably since then, Clifford says that poor body image — often linked to eating disorders — is still a major concern among her fellow fe-

male classmates. "We have so much trouble accepting our bodies the way they are, because we get no supply of realistic body images," she says. The message from magazines, television, and the movies is "that there is no other option than the six foot, 117 pound model," she says, "and that's a very incomplete image to present for women."

Bringing the subject out in the open (through informal discussion and films like *The Famine Within*) has helped Washington College women realize they're not alone in their feelings of inadequacy, says Clifford, and with that realization has come a sense of relief. Group members help to bolster each other and supply a more objective — and realistic — assessment of what each considers to be her own shortcomings. Says Clifford, "You'll often hear, 'What! You're worried about your weight? But you have a fantastic body!'"

She believes that poor body image is just one "symptom of the lack of wholeness women feel." Says the psychology major, "With as much progress as feminism has made in the last few years, on some level many women my age are still looking to external sources for their self-esteem."

This need for external validation, she says, can prompt women to get involved in dating relationships for the wrong reasons. "It's easy to settle for a relationship of convenience," she says, "because there's this feeling that you need a man in your life to make you feel valuable, to give you self worth, to make you feel whole." Clifford has seen friends stay with men with whom they share few common values or interests — or worse, who treat them inconsiderately — simply because they want the security of having a boyfriend around. "We're so good at making excuses for other people that we end up sacrificing ourselves, our own values. Subconsciously there's this feeling that 'maybe we don't deserve any better.'"

This theme was sounded earlier in the semester when Clifford assembled a panel of four career women to talk about the changing role of women in the '90s — a discussion that began at 7:30 p.m. and stretched well past 10 p.m. All four panelists have children; three are divorced. "They were all very honest about their emotions, and the trials and challenges they had faced,"

Clifford says. Looking back with the clarity that only hindsight can provide, each said there were times in their lives when they assumed they were happy, when in reality they were suppressing their own needs and desires to make others — husbands, children — happy.

"It's difficult to realize what it is you really want out of life," says the 21-year-old. During their first meeting last fall, group members set goals for themselves, then wrote up "action plans" to help themselves meet those goals. At another meeting, Clifford in-

"Well, we're not male bashers by any means," a point she has emphasized to the group's 30 or so regular members, she says. "We're not blaming anyone. We're women taking responsibility for ourselves."

**W**hen Deb Boyer '92 was growing up in suburban Syracuse, she gave little thought to such issues as abortion, equal opportunity for women, and homosexual rights. "I come from a very conservative family and a very conservative town," she explains. "I was a Republican because my family was Re-



vited three Washington College students to talk about the choices they'd made when confronted with motherhood; two of the women had opted to get married and continue their studies, while the third, the mother of twins, has remained unmarried. Her own mother has stepped in to baby-sit so that she can complete her college studies.

Through the discussion group, Clifford is hoping that she and her peers will practice more self-reliance and come to realize that "as women we are enough."

"We need to look inside ourselves and realize that we are all we need," she says, her voice steady with conviction. When the group was first getting off the ground, Clifford recalls that some of her male friends were uncomfortable with the all-female nature of the meetings. "They'd joke around, saying 'What are you guys doing there, burning bras?'"

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—Lynn Clifford '93

publican. What was there to question?"

In her young adulthood, Deb became aware of differing viewpoints and realized that her own views and attitudes were changing. "I was unwilling to speak out until I was confident that my opinions were truly valid."

In the four years since she's been at Washington College, Boyer's silence has metamorphosed into activism. She's president of the Margaret Horsley Society, a three-year-old organization devoted to women's issues, and is one of four students serving on the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, commissioned this year by President Charles Trout. And, perhaps most telling, she spent much of the early spring recruiting Washington College students, male and female, to join the April 5 march for abortion rights in Washington, D.C. "The turnout has been overwhelming," she said on a Sunday afternoon in late March. "We sold 40 tickets within three days" — enough, with members of the local League of Women Voters, to charter two buses. "That's pretty impressive for Washington College."

As Boyer sees it, the main goal of the centennial celebration has been to open channels of communication between the sexes *and* among the sexes. "We're not seeing stunning, spectacular changes," she says, "but it's definitely sliding into life at Washington College."

The centennial celebration has created an atmosphere conducive to the sharing of views and opinions among a number of campus organizations. Women's issues and issues of sexual discrimination are being aired publicly, not just among the people directly involved. Student organizations dedicated to social change on many fronts are working together to reach similar goals: the Margaret Horsley Society is looking for equality and respect for women, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA) is seeking equality and respect for homosexuals, and SANE/Freeze is directing its efforts toward the environment. These concerns culminated in the creation of Awareness Week, a series of discussions and lectures focusing on social responsibility and jointly sponsored by seven different student groups.

Uninvolved in these issues when she was growing up outside Syracuse, Boyer says her decision to champion the rights of women and homosexuals came in response to the intolerance she's seen directed toward both groups. "I'm heterosexual," she says, "but I've had gay friends who have been tormented." In Kent House, for instance, where the student co-presidents of GALA reside, vandals wrote



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—Deb Boyer '92

derogatory graffiti on the walls; in another instance, a group of fraternity pledges, representing themselves as *Elm* reporters, "interviewed" GALA leaders and asked for a list of their membership. Boyer says she's stood by as friends have faced the painful decision to have an abortion, and she's listened to people make "dumb, condescending comments" about women.

Through groups like the Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Margaret Horsley Society, says Boyer, "we're trying to change minds to a neutral, respecting stance. Our main goal is to educate, to open doors. You don't have to embrace alternative viewpoints, but before you criticize, you should stop, listen, and learn."

The Horsley Society, which Boyer

has led with the help of Ramsey Bigham '94 and Abigail Clifford '94, funds the Women's Discussion Group and supports a gender studies group launched this year by English professor Audrey Fessler. Last semester the society brought together a panel of eight faculty and students, men and women, to talk about the co-existence of the sexes on campus from a '90s perspective. "It really made me happy to see that a lot of men are interested in these issues," says Boyer. "In fact, the audience members who talked the most were men from fraternities and varsity sports teams."

Curricular matters generated some lively discussion; many in the audience felt that courses in history, literature, and political science, among others, are currently "too geared toward male figures," says Boyer. President Trout, who joined the panel, had taught women's history at Mount Holyoke College and encouraged the founding of Women's Studies at Colgate University when serving as Dean and Provost there. Washington College, he agreed, could do more to represent women in the curriculum. Campus concerns about date rape and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) were also raised, says Boyer.

"I feel happy with the progress the Margaret Horsley Society has made. People know what it is now," she says, of the organization named to honor longtime sociology professor Margaret Horsley, an articulate spokesperson for women's issues who retired in 1986. However, there are crucial issues that

remain to be addressed more fully on campus, and date rape heads the list, Boyer believes.

"Every date rape I know of has involved alcohol," she notes, adding that freshman and sophomore women, new to the college social scene and wanting to fit in, are particularly vulnerable. "It's a very intimidating, stressful time," she says. Last year, as a resident assistant for a hall of freshman women, Boyer covered the subject in depth, talking with them about when to say "no" and how to say "no." "By the end of the semester, they were calling me 'Mom,'" she says laughing. Boyer believes that discussions like these — which stress taking responsibility for your own actions and respecting your partner's wishes — should be a mandatory part of the orientation program for all new students, both women and men.

Like Boyer, Maria Jerardi has found college life to be "an eye-opening experience."

The oldest of three girls, she grew up in Columbia, Maryland, a relatively progressive suburb where, she says, people of different races, nationalities, and religions live comfortably side by side. Her mother is a psychiatric nurse with the National Institutes of Health, her father an electrical engineer with the Applied Physics Laboratory. "With both my parents being working professionals, I didn't tend to think about gender as far as career choices go," says Jerardi, a co-founder of Hands-Out, an organization that promotes student volunteerism. A sophomore (she has enough credits for junior standing), she is double majoring in chemistry and international relations, and plans to go on to earn a medical degree and a master's in public health. "From the time we were little, my dad taught us to read maps" and do math and science problems — subjects some parents tend to emphasize more with their

sons, she says.

Growing up in this environment, she says, "I had thought there was no such thing as sexual discrimination anymore." But after two years at col-

lege, she says, "I've begun to see distinctions that before I didn't think existed."

One that springs to mind is the "male/female balance" in relationships. "I didn't have a feel for the fact that in a lot of relationships, the male is still the dominant figure," she says. As coxswain for men's crew, she's frequently privy to conversations the team members have about each others' girlfriends. One of the worst things that can be said about another team-

mate, Jerardi has found, is that his girlfriend is controlling. "You'll hear, 'Boy, does she have him. That'll never happen to me.'"

To Jerardi, that smacks of a double standard. "A domineering woman is offensive to some people," she says. "But a domineering man is strong and stubborn, a man of principle, who holds his ground." The ideal relationship should be an equitable one, she says, in which neither partner dominates. "But then, I'm idealistic," she says, her face crinkling into a grin. "I'm still young."

Something else she's found unsettling is the age at which some of her classmates intend to get married. During a casual conversation after a field hockey game one day, several of her teammates said they plan to tie the knot upon graduating. Just a week earlier, Jerardi had attended a sorority "candlelight" ceremony in which a fellow sophomore Zeta had announced her engagement. "If I got engaged right now, my parents would disown me," she says, half joking. Her own mother didn't marry until 34, after living on her own in Washington for a lengthy period. Jerardi plans to complete her M.D. and M.P.H. before taking any nuptial vows.

"I really feel you need to finish your definition of self before you go out and deal with this marriage thing . . . You shouldn't be making a lifetime commitment to someone when you haven't figured out your lifetime commitment to yourself. College is too sheltered a place to figure that out."

—Maria Jerardi '93

backgrounds" and divergent ideas, and continues afterward, as you embark on finding "your first job and your first apartment."

Says Jerardi, "You shouldn't be making a lifetime commitment to someone when you haven't figured out your lifetime commitment to yourself. College is too sheltered a place to figure that out."

As a cool breeze stirred the air on the evening of April 4, India Henson



passed out candles to the 40 or so faculty members, administrators (including President and Mrs. Trout), and students who had gathered in front of the Casey Academic Center. Earlier in the day, just a few miles away in the town of Galena, members of the Ku Klux Klan, dressed in hooded sheets and combat clothes, had assembled to hand out literature.

In response, Henson, who is president of the Dale Adams Heritage Exchange, a student organization established to promote cultural diversity, had organized a candlelight vigil for

moved into a predominantly white neighborhood. Within days, the family received a phone call warning of an impending visit from the KKK. Her grandfather grabbed his shotgun, determined to protect his family, and stood guard all night in the front yard. At one point, a pick-up truck carrying hooded figures drove by, but it didn't stop. Nonetheless, her father had to endure thrown stones and shouts of "nigger" as he walked to school each day.

Recollections of these stories she'd heard growing up were foremost in



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—India Henson '92

members of the Washington College community.

"When your parents tell you what they went through when they were younger," Henson told the group, "they hope and they pray that you, their children, won't have to go through the same things." Henson's father, a career member of the military, is black; her mother is a Native American. When her dad was growing up in rural Tennessee, she says, his family

her mind as Henson addressed those at the vigil. "It might be the 1990s but the fact that the KKK is marching 20 minutes away from here in 1992 is something to think about," she said.

"Maybe, because of your awareness," she told those assembled, "the hands of time won't have to go back."

After her brief words, the marchers set off down to the banks of the Chester River, their candles glowing in the gathering dusk. Once there they gathered in a circle and Zylia Knowlin '95, corresponding secretary for the Dale Adams Society, led everyone in prayer. Then, one by one, each snuffed out his or her candle. "It was really moving," said Henson, a few days after the event. "Many people who couldn't come sent me letters of support afterward."

An economics major, Henson has led the Dale Adams Heritage Exchange since its inception last year. The group's purpose, she explains, is

to increase campus awareness of "the differing cultural backgrounds people have." The society sponsors all-campus movies and discussions, and also serves as a support group for its 25 active members.

To Henson, there's an inextricable link between the causes of feminism and minority rights, since, throughout history, "both groups have been oppressed."

"I've been told that I have two strikes against me. Being a woman and a minority, I have to work twice as hard," says Henson, who plans to enter law school next fall (at either Yale, Michigan, or William and Mary) and ultimately pursue a career in corporate law.

Her father is in legal administration in the Army, and when she was small she would often accompany him to work, she says by way of explaining her interest in law. She first thought she might pursue a career in criminal law, but has since found that business appeals to her more.

"You don't see a lot of women in the economics department, and people have told me that corporate law is really boring, but I won't let that stop me," she says with a broad smile.

Henson intends to put marriage and family on hold while she pursues her law degree and establishes herself in her career.

"When I get married and have children, my family will be my focus and I will want to take time off from work to care for the children," she says. "I just want to have a career first."

Similarly, Henson has made her college studies a priority above dating. "It's kind of hard because I've had crushes on guys, and my friends tell me that they kind of like me too, but Washington College still isn't progressive enough to accept interracial dating. That's been difficult, but it's not important enough to me to make me want to transfer."

Happily, Henson says that campus awareness regarding women's and minority issues has improved markedly since she arrived as a freshman. "It seems that people are more open and willing to talk about these issues," she observes. "And I feel that when you can talk about it, that's when things are getting better."

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# *John Bolton: The Chestertown Merchant Who Bartered For Liberty*

by Professor Davy McCall

We asked Davy McCall, a history buff at Washington College, to delve into the past of one of Chestertown's unsung heroes, one of the original founders of Washington College who made his fortune in America and subsequently lost that fortune during the young nation's fight for independence.

By searching Kent County land records and Maryland historical records, McCall learned that John Bolton, an 18th century activist, played a significant role in Chestertown's commercial life, as well as in Kent County's participation in America's War for Independence. A merchant who acquired a country estate and town property in the years before the War, he was called upon to serve as Commissary for Kent County, to be responsible for outfitting the Kent County Militia and line troops in the area with food and clothing. Those items grew more precious as the war dragged on, and his job more difficult.

Today, the Bolton house still stands on the corner of Queen Street and Maple Avenue (then Fish Street), and, following recent partial restoration, is for sale by Preservation, Inc.

John Bolton was born in Philadelphia June 20, 1726, the son of Robert Bolton, a recent immigrant from England. Robert was a descendant of long-established gentry, but he found little financial success in America. Three merchanting ventures failed, and, at a low point in family fortunes, he was solicited to head a boarding school in Chestertown, possibly the Kent County School. The Bolton family remained in Chestertown only a year, and by 1738 had returned to Philadelphia — Robert's health and financial situation ever deteriorating.

John Bolton returned to Chestertown as a young man, shortly after the death of his half-brother, Robert Clay, in 1745. An elder sister, Ann, had married John Mercer of Sassafras Neck in Cecil County. His widowed sister-in-law, Mary Wilmer Clay, remarried in 1746 and moved to Kent County with her new husband, Rev. George William Forrester, Rector of Shrewsbury Parish.

During the 1750s Bolton began to acquire farm land and property in Chestertown. His first recorded land transaction was a purchase from Rev. Forrester in 1756. In 1759 Bolton purchased for £ 120 Chestertown Lot #30 with dwelling, outhouses, etc., now the northeast corner of Queen and Maple Streets. Soon after, he acquired for £ 28 Lot #23 with a messuage, diagonally across on the southwest corner of Queen and Maple. This property had belonged to a dyer, Thomas Lee of Philadelphia, and is now owned by Preservation, Inc.

The current house and its attached neighbor, all on Bolton's lot, still contain much late 18th century architectural detail, but internal architectural evidence suggests that the corner house (Bolton's) is an earlier building,



*This portrait of John Bolton was painted in 1759 by John Hesselius, an eminent American portraitist working in Annapolis. It is now on exhibit at the Kennedy Galleries in New York.*

remodeled by Bolton or subsequent owners. In his will in 1784, Bolton reserved the corner house for the use of his minor children, so it is likely that the family was living there at the time of his death in 1784. His executor sold this property in 1786 for £ 350, more than ten times what Bolton had paid for it 25 years earlier. The higher price suggests substantial additions to the property during Bolton's ownership.

Bolton continued to purchase land within the town limits, as well as sizable tracts of farm land in the Worton area. Between 1770 and 1774 he acquired an estate of 244 acres on Worton Creek, for which he paid a total of £ 1,602. These purchases became known as "Bolton's Meadows."

Bolton's real estate investments were paid for in cash, earned from his successful retail business. The inventory of his personal estate at his death in 1784 gives an idea of the breadth of the merchandise he handled: agricultural produce and equipment, as well as consumer goods ranging from bolts of calico to inkpots. Much was bought and sold on credit. The long list of debts Bolton owed at his death (to Thomas Ringgold, and many others), as well as those owed to him, indicates the scale of his operations.

Bolton was 46 years old when he married Eleanor Dougherty on December 29, 1772, the first marriage recorded in Emmanuel Church's parish register. Over the next 12 years, John and Eleanor Bolton had six children, four of whom survived to maturity.

The first record of Bolton's public offices is his commission as Coroner of Kent County in 1770 and 1773. This position was an active one, for Bolton's records include a note payable for whatever costs and damages Bolton might sustain for serving an execution on one James Rollinson.

Bolton fulfilled various local responsibilities as well. He was executor for John Wallace's estate in 1779. Wallace was a prominent Philadelphia contemporary of Bolton's, founder of St. Andrew's Society, Philadelphia, and a member of the City Council. Hesselius painted his portrait, also, in 1749.

Despite the American Colonies' growing trade and prosperity in the 1760s, friction with English authorities sharpened. British troops had been sent to America in the 1750s to protect the colonies against Indian attacks on the Frontier, encouraged and sup-

ported by the French. The outcome was the French and Indian War, 1757-58, in which George Washington made his first military reputation. British troops were quartered on a number of Kent County residents, including Thomas Ringgold, Bedingfield Hands, and John Hynson. During this period John Bolton evidently sold supplies to the local British military authorities, for his name appears on a list of militia accounts due and presented to the Committee on Accounts of the General Assembly of Maryland.

American resentment against Britain grew when the British Government imposed a tax in the form of stamps required to be affixed to legal papers. The British reasoning was that their military costs in America should be paid by the Americans, since it was their frontier that the British were protecting. Protest groups formed in several towns; they called themselves the Sons of Liberty. Their first major appearance in Maryland was in Frederick in 1765, where they organized an anti-stamp tax parade —the stamp agent was burned in effigy, and the crowd adjourned to enjoy dinner and a ball. This rebellious spirit soon spread to Baltimore, Annapolis, and the Eastern Shore in March 1766. Samuel Chase, William Paca, and Charles Willson Peale were members. In Chestertown, John Bolton joined and attended the Sons' Convention in New York. By April 1766 the Sons had pressured public officials in several Maryland towns into issuing legal documents without the stamps. Soon the British Government repealed the Stamp Act, but still tried to collect revenue from the American colonists through a tax on tea. Chestertown, following

Boston's example, and probably led by the Sons of Liberty, held their local "tea party" in May, 1775, when they boarded the *Geddes*, a ship with a cargo of tea anchored off Chestertown, and tossed the tea overboard.

British-American relations continued to deteriorate with battles at Concord, Lexington, and Bunker Hill in the Boston neighborhood and the Declaration of Independence in July 1776. The former American colonies were now obliged to organize, supply, and finance their own military forces to fight off the British occupation. John Bolton assumed a key local role in the Revolutionary cause. Maryland's Governor, Thomas Johnson, appointed him

Commissary for Kent County to procure military supplies for the Kent County Militia and also regular line troops in the area. The militia camp was at Head of the Sassafras, and there was another camp on the Chesapeake Bay. Bolton purchased flour, meat, and clothing for the troops. He paid in kind, trading salt obtained through Baltimore to pay local farmers for their supplies, since the Maryland currency was considered so worthless that suppliers would not accept it. Correspondence between Bolton and Governor Johnson in Annapolis illustrates the nature of these transactions and Bolton's mounting difficulties.

John Bolton's service as Commissary began in March 1777. By the end of the year Bolton was asking guidance of Governor Johnson regarding prices to pay for local goods, noting the rapidly rising local prices. In December 1777 he asked the Governor to send 500 bu. of salt, suggesting that it might be had at Baltimore at £ 10/bu., if bought in a large quantity, although boats bringing it up from Virginia sold salt by the bushel for £ 12/bu. He was buying "Kersey" cloth directly from local weavers, but it had to be "fulled" before use for clothing, and Bolton made arrangements for this. He noted to the Governor that "people in general seem displeased at the state for purchasing cloathing [sic] for the soldiers and think it will be attended with a good deal of difficulty, but (they are) in such need of salt they will spare anything for that when they would not do it for money."

Bolton reported to Governor Johnson early in January 1778 that "Captain Handy just came down from camp" and "that many of the soldiers are incapable of doing duty for want of cloathing, particularly shoes and stockings." Shortly after, Bolton wrote that he had received 8 more bu. of salt, to be traded for Kersey and linen, noting that the "Kersey will do without fulling by lining the thickest with the thinnest and make very warm clothing." He added that "with what Forman has collected, this would make a load worth sending a wagon to Wilmington." Bolton asked the governor for \$1,000.00 (Maryland State currency) to buy more beef and pork, adding that a gentleman had been in the area purchasing for the Continental Army and outbidding Bolton's offers.

The hazards of wintertime shipment

on the Bay are described in Bolton's next letter to Governor Johnson. The State Government had sent 10 barrels of salt by boat from Baltimore to Rock Hall, but the boat lost one of its masts and ran aground in Gray's Inn Creek. Bolton sent a small boat to pick up the salt, but the ice prevented it from reaching the Baltimore boat and Bolton had to send a wagon instead.

Bolton was responsible for supplying not only the Kent County Militia but troops of other states passing through Chestertown. He notes that Col. Richardson's Fifth Maryland Regi-

the Western Shore Treasurer to pay Bolton £ 2, 189.5..4 for the balance on his account. Perhaps related to the January shipwreck in Gray's Inn Creek, the Treasurer was also ordered to pay Bolton £ 994..6 to be delivered to Robert Anderson due him for sails of the scow "Champion."

By December 1778, Bolton wrote to the Governor that he had on hand "5,000 weight of pork," but that the state purchasers paid a higher price for pork in Queen Anne's County than he could offer in Kent and that "people in Kent thought that they should get as



Davy McCall found 18th century wallpaper in the Bolton House. He has asked the Schumacher Company to reproduce it.

ment was stationed in Chestertown in spring 1777, but there were no troops in town in late January 1778. However, by mid-March, Maryland troops were passing through again on their way to the camp at Head of the Sassafras. Bolton supplied them, but asked the Governor if their ration was to include whisky. If so, Bolton needed casks from Annapolis since none were available in Chestertown.

By May 1778, Bolton informed the Governor that he had all pickled and packed for transport 28 barrels of beef, 1,733 pounds of bacon, and 3 1/2 barrels of "old pork," but that he needed cash, and that "the want of cash was a great disadvantage to me in carrying on my own private business." However, the Auditor General did order

good a price as farmers in Queen Anne," since the Kent pork was "fed wholly on corn." Bolton also noted his difficulties in procuring a cart to go for salt; he had used "all I had by me, both of my own and what belonged to the state that was left last year." Now having served as Commissary for nearly two years, the drain on Bolton's private business became increasingly severe — he had advanced supplies from his own stores and cash, which the State was slow to reimburse.

The supply shortage and lack of money to procure what little there was grew even worse. In February 1780 Bolton wrote Thomas Sim Lee (who had replaced Thomas Johnson as Governor) that he had "furnished recruiting parties with provisions under great disadvantages ... Daily, soldiers calling for provisions, especially meat, (which was scarce to be had)... I laid out my own money to great detriment of my business as a retailer. Send cash... My pay is so trifling — one

month's pay will scarcely hire a laborer for two days — I am entitled to \$40 per month according to the Auditor General... I do not have enough salt for my family... let me know (your answer) by post via Wilmington... I sent my account to Rock Hall before the frost, but it is probably still there (due to Bay's freezing) and depreciating further."

Even when the Governor authorized payment, Bolton had difficulty in obtaining the cash. He wrote to Governor Lee in August 1780 that he had presented the Governor's payment order to the Collector, (Treasurer) but the latter answered that "he had made up his accounts and paid the ballance [sic] and that he had no money in his hands, or should until the next collection in November." One of Bolton's supply agents wrote that he could have gotten a large amount of bacon if he had had money to pay for it. Bolton said he would have paid out of his "own stock," but that is now so exhausted I am obliged to go into debt for provisions for my family." "I borrowed a little flour to be paid in cash or in kind, but the butcher must have money to purchase meat, his flock is almost gone ... I have but 200 lb. of bacon which I must endeavor to keep til the troops march from hence, as fresh meat does not suit at that time... Pray send me a list of rations each soldier is to have." "The butcher that furnishes meat for the Maryland Regiment's recruiting here has not only sunk all his money, but his credit too. Unless I get money to pay him, he will supply no more. I treat you will convey me some money."

Finally the lack of supplies and money had obliged Bolton to refuse orders to supply. On April 23, William Bordley wrote to Bolton, "I am informed that you and Mr. Voorhees (Commissary of Provision) refused to furnish the militia on duty with provisions. This conduct will not only embarrass us, but may prove fatal to our country. Both of you act as Commissary and if you are not to furnish the militia, who can? I suppose they must be dismissed and I will not answer for the consequences. I now direct that you supply the militia on duty with rations."

The situation did not improve. Bolton wrote to Governor Lee in May, 1780 that "All meat to serve out to the troops is entirely gone." He had writ-

ten to Voorhees who sent all he had and had no money to purchase more... Thomas Smyth, the Collector is in the same situation." Bolton "applied to several farmers for meat, but none will let him have it on credit, except one man let him have two sheep and Dr. Scott promised two or three. There is no prospect for more unless there is hard money to pay for it. The State's money has quite lost its credit here. Some offered for specie, but I have none." Bolton suggests that "if the draughted [sic] men were sent to the camp, it would lessen the numbers and the regulars could be easier provided for, but they expect clothing before they move and substitute money."

Bolton evidently was doing the best he could for the documents to include a receipt from William Houston for one peck of salt for the use of militia now at the Bayside." The salt had possibly been borrowed for the following October, a Mr. Seldon sent an order to Bolton to send "by my boy" 5 pints of salt that he had lent for the militia last spring." With the end of the War in 1781, Bolton gave up the position of Kent County Commissary, but only after severe damage to his own financial situation.

The Revolution had disrupted the religious organization of Maryland as well as the political and economic institutions. Bolton, always the contentious citizen, was elected to the Vestry of Emmanuel Church in 1779. As a Vestryman, Bolton was a delegate to the churchwide convention at Emmanuel Church held in November 1780. The purpose of this convention, organized by Dr. William Smith, by then Head Master of the Kent School and soon to begin fund raising to found Washington College, was to re-establish the Church of England as an American religious body, no longer under the authority of the Bishop of London and no longer subsidized as the official state church. It was at this meeting that the delegates voted to call their newly independent religious denomination, "The Protestant Episcopal Church of America."

Bolton was by now in his mid-fifties with five children under 12 years of age to provide for. His financial situation had been severely damaged by his service as Kent County Commissary, business in general was in decline owing to the post-war economic

chaos, and confusion reigned as the former colonies tried to form a viable political and economic union.

At this critical point in his personal life, disaster struck. Within two months, his wife, two children, and he himself died. His family records state that they died in an epidemic of dysentery. Bolton died on March 2, 1784. In his will he directed that his property, with the exception of the Queen Street house, be sold to settle his debts. The Queen Street house and contents were to be reserved for the support of his remaining minor children, under the

paid or collected, but that the McClures had spent a considerable sum of money on the maintenance of the little boys. At the trial, 12-year-old John Bolton, Jr. testified for two hours with such intelligence that the Court decided that Mrs. McClure's response was unacceptable and that she must turn over the records to Bolton and Moore, including those owing money to Bolton (schedule of Mortgages, Bonds, Bills, Notes, Books of Accounts, and other old Papers of John Bolton). This schedule constitutes a virtual trade directory of late 18th century



guardianship of his sister-in-law, Miss Jane Dougherty. The executor was Thomas McClure, said to be master of a school, but also owner of a fair amount of property in Kent County.

McClure sold much of Bolton's property, and collected and paid his debts. Before final settlement of Bolton's estate, however, McClure died, and his wife Elizabeth became McClure's executor. Bolton's three little sons had been in McClure's charge, and he allegedly mistreated them to the extent that they ran away. The eldest, only twelve, managed to get into contact with his uncle in Savannah, who took them in and raised them as his own. In 1793, a cousin, John Moore, and John Bolton, Jr. became *de bonis* executors of John Bolton, Sr.'s estate. The settlement was greatly complicated by the refusal of the widow McClure to turn over the records of Bolton's estate to the new executors. She claimed that she had no idea what of Bolton's debts had been

Davy McCall (right) and Preservation, Inc. board member Hurst Purnell at the Bolton House on Queen Street.

Chestertown, with occupations listed such as planter, cord wainer, blacksmith, merchant, even a "limner."

#### EPILOGUE

With the settlement of the estate, the Bolton family left Chestertown; although John Bolton Sr.'s sister had married a James McLean of Sassafras Neck, Bolton's children remained in Savannah, and married their first cousins. The sons became cotton brokers and ship-owners in Savannah and later New York, eventually spreading to Mississippi, Virginia, and San Francisco.

Davy McCall is professor and chair of the economics department and a board member of Preservation, Inc.

# ALUMNI REPORTER

# *Alumni Honor Betty Casey*

**B**etty Brown Casey '47 was presented with the 1991 Alumni Service Award as part of Washington's Birthday Celebrations on February 22.

Bob Lipsitz '54, President of the Alumni Council, thanked Mrs. Casey for the beautiful changes she has made at Washington College, "not only by giving us buildings, but by giving us spirit." Betty has reminded us all about the responsibility of privilege and made us proud of it, Lipsitz said, and the Alumni Association is grateful for her example.

Her citation read, in part: "Our lives are made rich in simple ways - by caring about someone and being cared for in return. By trusting someone and being trusted in return. This is, simply, what we call good fortune. Mrs. Casey is a fortunate woman. But the Alumni Association does not honor her for her good fortune. We simply thank her for sharing it with us."



## *Alumni Lobby State for Budget Support*

**D**espite the fiscal difficulties the State of Maryland is experiencing, legislators were able to increase direct aid to Washington College for the coming year by \$70,000.

While this action does not fully restore the \$380,000 cut in State aid Washington College bore this year, Gene A. Hessey, Senior Vice President for Management and Finance, says it is a step in the right direction. The State's contribution to WC's budget next year will total \$930,000.

Washington College alumni played a part in the budget planning process, traveling to Annapolis in January to lobby state lawmakers. The WC contingent joined hundreds of other alumni from colleges across the state in a one-day blitz of the legislature.



*College Trustee and benefactor Betty Casey chats with President Charles H. Trout and student Jen Del Nero during the Convocation luncheon at which she was honored.*

## *Fall Weekend of Golf, Hall of Fame Induction, Is Set*

The 1992 Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 3. This year's celebrations coincide with the third annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament at the Turf Valley in Ellicott City on Friday, October 2. The Alumni Office hopes that this will encourage alumni athletes to return for a long weekend.

The Hall of Fame Committee honors "individuals or teams who represent the best to perform on behalf of Washington College." Players or teams selected must have played at least ten years prior to nomination. Nominations from alumni-at-large should be submitted to the Hall of Fame Committee in care of the Alumni Office.

*Anne Biurris '48 and Chuck Waesche '53 were two alumni who traveled to the State House in Annapolis to ask their representatives to reconsider budget cuts to higher education.*

Several alumni returned in February to experience again the thrill of the game: Front row (l to r): Wayne Spurrier '84, Chris Brandt '90, Tom Finnegan '65, Scott Spurrier '84, and Charles Johnson '90. Back row: Andy Bauer '89, Tom Keefe '84, Dave Repko '86, Leroy Keller '85, Charles Duckett '90, Geoff Kurtzman '77, Matt Wilson '89, Al Hepting '88, Kurt Keller '86, George Small '89, and Tom Auvil '89.



In January President Charles H. Trout traveled through Florida asking the many foundations and corporations headquartered there to consider Washington College as they make their grants to higher education. On this trip the president visited alumni in Orlando, Tampa, Naples, and Boca Raton. Pictured here is a luncheon for the president hosted by Spence Robinson '43 at the Collier Athletic Club in Naples.



Ed Weissman, Professor of Political Science, (center) spoke to the New York Alumni Chapter at the Fraunces Tavern on February 27. In his address: "Will the U.S.A. Go the Way of the U.S.S.R.; The Failure of American Politics," Professor Weissman wondered why we have chosen American government and British theatre over British government and American musicals.



Bowling "For Kids Sake": Washington College students challenged the Kent and Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter to see who could raise the most money for the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. Pictured here is the good-spirited losing team.



# CLASS NOTES

**'25** Rebecca Neal Brown Owens of Port Charlotte, FL, has stepped down as board of trustee president of the Charlotte County Council on Aging, which she helped found 14 years ago. Becky has been an untiring volunteer on behalf of the elderly for many years in Florida and New Jersey. She was chairwoman of the 16th Annual Conference on the Aging on April 9 in Port Charlotte.

**'35** Richard Cooper of Salisbury, MD, has written a book entitled *Salisbury in Times Gone By*. He received the Celebrate Literacy Award presented annually by the Eastern Shore Reading Council. The book is made up of reminiscences of Salisbury during the past 50 years and has many old pictures. Anyone interested in purchasing a copy should call Dick at (410) 749-3655.

Ivon Culver and his wife spent 1991 traveling, including a 14-day cruise in March to the Caribbean in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary. The Culvers also spent part of July and August on a cruise in the Baltic Sea and to Scandinavia, visiting East Germany, Berlin, Rostoc, Poland, Leningrad, Helsinki and all the Scandinavian capitals, ending up in London where they saw many shows. They also visited St. Louis and the Ozarks in September. When they are home they swim, play tennis, golf, garden, and play bridge.

**'39** Clarence Kibler and his wife, Mary, had two fabulous Smithsonian Associate's trips in 1991. They visited Bryce, Zion, and Grand Canyon-North Rim in May and New Zealand and Australia in October. Clarence writes he was able to climb most of the way up the famous Ayer's Rock, but had to turn back as time was running out. Smith Island-New Zealand scenery was absolutely spectacular. Jet lag at home was rough indeed.

**'40** Dr. Nathan Schnaper was the honored guest at a Cancer Foundation Charity Ball on March 14, 1992 in Baltimore. Dr. Schnaper was honored for his work counseling terminally ill patients and their caretakers. He is a professor of psychiatry and

oncology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and is head of University's Psycho-social Services Center.

**'42** In 1991 Bill Nagler won five major tennis tournaments for senior, 70 year-old, singles and was a finalist in two others. He reached the semifinals in the U.S. National Hardcourt Championships, upsetting the number two ranked U.S. senior. In 1990 Bill was ranked #17 nationally USTA and #9 in Southern California in 65 year-old singles. In 1991 he was also top 70s Grand Prix tournament points in Southern California.

**'43** Donald McClellan writes that he is anchored off Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands in his 36' Vancouver cutter, *Marie Elena*, his temporary home. Last June Don singlehanded the *Marie Elena* to Saba, Guadalupe, Martinique, Bequia, Union Island, Grenada, Testico Grande, Isla Margarita and Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela, stopping on several lesser known islands along the way. Pirates got his dingy one night, his transmission died, and he ran out of Skippy peanut butter in late October, so he sailed North from Juan Griego to regroup before later heading into the South Pacific. Don, keep us posted. The Alumni Office wants to know if he needs crew.

**'48** Edwin Horney has retired from the chaplaincy position at Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill after 25 years and is celebrating 45 years as a pastor this May 26.

Les Loder retired in 1979 from active United Methodist ministry and from college teaching/ counseling to care for his wife who has had Parkinson's disease for 18 years and is now in a nearby nursing home. He still occasionally preaches and performs baptisms and marriages, and is a Boy Scout Troop Committeeman.

Howie Nesbitt retired on May 17, 1991 and is doing well in Morehead, KY.

Teen Short Stringfellow and her husband spent most of 1991 on the road. They trav-

eled to Tallahassee for the gubernatorial inauguration, to Alabama for their 43rd wedding anniversary, to Nova Scotia for sightseeing, to Maine for visiting, and to Lake Erie for an Elderhostel.

**'49** Lois Proctor Parker retired in January 1990 after 40 years with the Montgomery County (MD) Public Schools. She has started her own educational consulting business, L.P. Parker Associates, and last year worked primarily with Baltimore City Schools.

**'50** Jack Shoemaker is leading an active, demanding life-and-ministry in Hawaii. He is chaplain of Punahou School (3,700 students), vicar of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and Director (during the summer) of Ring Lake Ranch, a conference center near Dubois, WY.

**'51** Col. Paul Sadick MD is a medical standards officer with the U.S. Air Force.

**'55** Barbara Jones San Gabino has a M.Ed. from Loyola and is the principal of Odenton (MD) Elementary School. She has been an administrator in the Anne Arundel County public school system since 1968. Her three children are grown.

Bobbie Delaney Turk will receive the 1992 Alumni Citation at WC's 110th Commencement ceremonies.

**'56** Ed Cumor has retired and still keeps in touch with WC, especially now that his son-in-law, Rich Denison '78, is president of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter.

**'58** William T. Archer, Jr. lives in Frankford, DE, and retired in 1986 from 33 years in the Methodist ministry. He is still carving ducks and writing short stories.

Charles and Carole Christensen Buck live in Fayetteville, NY, where Carole is a substitute kindergarten teacher and avid golfer.

James W. Lewis has joined Market Share,

# Marriages

Misty Elliott '75 to Dan Corbin on February 24, 1992.

Stephen Morse '80 to Helena Kolenda on January 12, 1992 in Hong Kong.

Patricia A. Stille '84 to Cary Jon Lederman on December 31, 1991. Steve '83 and Cathy McGuire Groft '82 and their daughter, Claire Caroline, along with James Worsham '84, visited the newlyweds during their honeymoon at Seabrook Island, SC. Richard Miller '84, Diana Hastings '81 and Harry Smith '76 were among the guests at a one month anniversary party held at Poplar Hill Mansion in Salisbury, MD.

Catherine Unger '86 to Geoffrey Smith on November 2, 1991. Attending the wedding were Philosophy professor J. David Newell, Peggy Hoffman '84, Cathy Schreiber McNally '83, Leslie Beard '87, Tim Goode '87, Cindy Ray Reilly '87 and Dickie '83 and Betsy Casey Grieves '86. Cathy and Geoff are living in Ellicott City, MD.

Odette Powers '86 to Billy M. Newton, Jr. on March 16, 1991.

Frederick M. (Skip) Middleton III '87 to Pamela G. Pierson on February 29, 1992.

Christian Godwin '87 to Lisa Scott Sreeton on September 14, 1991.

Christopher M. Fascatta '88 to Nicole

Ballenger '90 on October 12, 1991. Members of the wedding party included Raymond Linton '86 and John Olson '89.

Hilary Scheer '88 to Richard Gerhardt '89 on September 28, 1991.

Lisa M. Boggs '90 to Robert H. Caldwell '90 on November 30, 1991. Jennifer Vervier '90 and Michelle Latorre '87 were bridesmaids. John Carriere '89, Christopher Doherty '88 and Christopher Huebner '89 were ushers.

Sheri Christopher '90 to Jarred S. Darling on October 5, 1991. Mary Brown '87 was maid of honor. Jen Jefferson '91 and Vicki Carroll '90 were bridesmaids. Attending the wedding were Chrissy Wiant Funtenatto '90, Carrie Blackburn '90, Debbie Smethurst '91, Paula Cunningham '88, Adrienne Cupka '89, Anne Andrews '89, Samantha Streamer '91, Kathy Brewster '92, Traci Castello '93, Christy Harris '93, Tina Rively '93, and Tammi Michener '93.

Susan McGirk '90 to Michael Thomas on October 19, 1991. Pam Flemke '90 was maid of honor.

# Births

Tom '78 and Mimi Gugerty Wood '79, a son, Gregory Joseph, on December 16, 1991. He joins big sister, Glenn, 3 1/2.

Marian Cooper Molinaro '79, a daughter, Anna Lindabury, on December 3, 1991.

Jean Dixon Saunders '79, a son, Peter Foley, on January 7, 1992.

Timothy D. Hollywood '80, a daughter, Rachel Harper, on October 28, 1991.

Foster Deibert '80, a son, Marc Jose, on January 24, 1992.

Deborah Mohney Hoyes '81, a daughter, Hillary Suzanne, on May 4, 1991. Hillary's first visit to WC took place when she attended her mother's 10th reunion. She had such a good time she plans to attend every year.

Kathryn Clemson Verbanic '81, a son, Stephen Alexander, on June 27, 1991. He joins brothers Nicholas, 5, and Andrew, 2.

Debbie Kole Schlette '82, a daughter, Audrey Nina, on December 19, 1991. Audrey joins sister Julie, age 4 1/2.

Christopher Perry '82, a daughter, Emily Sarah, on February 29, 1992.

William B. Gerwig III '82, a son, William Baker IV, on November 15, 1991.

Frank B. Rhodes Jr. '83 and Holly Ferguson Rhodes '83, a daughter, Molly Madeline, on February 20, 1992.

Deborah Furgueson Khosia '84, a son, MacKenzie, on October 29, 1991.

Anthony Lazzaro '87, a daughter, Ashley Nicole, on January 18, 1992.

William P. Jones '88, a daughter, Kristina Marie Vestermark-Jones, on March 9, 1992.

Inc. as senior consultant for outplacement services in Minneapolis, MN.

Janet Gill Riecks is a library technician at Youth's Benefit Elementary School and has been with the Harford County (MD) public schools for 12 years.

Kacki Brackett White is co-director of the Queen Anne Learning Center in Centreville, MD, where she does educational evaluations and tutors students of all ages.

**'60** Beverly Burge Connolly is practicing law in Middletown, DE, and is active in the construction of a new Senior Citizens Center in her area.

Pete Knox retired from IBM in 1991 after 28 years. He and his wife frequently visit Chestertown to see their son, Kevin '93, play lacrosse for Washington College. Kevin is the third generation of the Knox family to attend Washington College.

Carl Tamini retired from the Bell Atlantic Corporation on December 13, 1991 after 31 years. Carl plans to continue traveling and playing tournament tennis. He is ranked number 4 by the Mid-Atlantic Tennis Association in men's singles (over 55 years). The Alumni Office invites Carl and Bill Nagler '42 to meet on the new courts in the Benjamin A. Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center.

**'61** Dale Tyler has retired from the U.S. Air Force and is an adult probation officer for Bell County, Texas. His interests include computers, rebuilding and playing with cars (VWs and Porsches), and music.

**'62** Joyce Walmsley Pepper was a school psychologist for the Indian River School District, Frankford, DE, for 17 years. After taking early retirement Joyce has formed a small corporation (Education Resource Opportunities, Inc.) with a speech clinician and they work as independent contractors for schools in their area.

**'64** Frederick Lanceley is a supervisory special agent at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA, where he teaches, does research and operations in terrorism, hostage taking, kidnapping, and crisis and suicide intervention. Fred has given instruction on these topics around the world, has done extensive research on aircraft highjackings, and worked on more than 200 cases of kidnappings, hostage takings, barricades and suicides.

Robert McCarthy has an independent general practice in clinical psychology in Hampton, VA. He has been married to Susan Spire McCarthy '65 for 30 years and they have two children.

Gail Fisher Wolpin is the auctioneer, appraiser and owner of The Phoebus Antique and Auction Gallery in Hampton, VA.

**'66** Tom Berry is Quality Management Director at The Vanguard Group of Invest-

ment Companies in Valley Forge, PA. His book, *Managing the Total Quality Transformation*, published by McGraw-Hill in September 1990, enjoys wide recognition and will be published in Spanish in 1993. It also has made the Philadelphia Best Sellers List twice in the past three months. For the second year in a row, Tom has been asked to serve as a member of the Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award administered by the United States Department of Commerce. Tom also travels the country frequently as a featured speaker on Total Quality Management.

Richard Natwick lives in Millersville, MD, and owns Synergy Communications, a company that does telephone and computer cable installations.

Susan Stant Phoebus lives in Crisfield, MD, and is a part-time consultant psychologist at the Holly Center in Salisbury, MD. Her son, John, is a sophomore at WC.

**'67** Joseph M. Coale III of Baltimore, MD, has joined Crown Central Petroleum Corporation as director of corporate communications and public affairs.

Joan Weaver is embarking on a new adventure, a dream she had in college but delayed for marriage. She joined the Peace Corps and was scheduled to leave for training in the Philippines in late March. Joan has been working as a reporter and town editor for a weekly newspaper in southern New Hampshire and now that her two children are in their 20s she's off and running.

**'68** Mary Simpson Nuzzi is Director of Accounting at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills, MD.

**'69** Carol Furry Taylor is department director in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of San Francisco.

**'70** Louis House lives in Greensboro, MD and owns House and Son Siding.

Barbara Harbaugh Measell is a programmer analyst/research assistant at the Center for Naval Analysis. Barbara and her husband, Dan Measell '68, live in Great Falls, VA, with their two daughters.

Sylvia Millhouse Dunning is a family therapist and manager of Social Work Services at the Carondelet Psychiatric Care Center. She lives in Richland, WA.

Linda Phinney Ormsby is the executive administrative assistant to the general manager and personnel/insurance director at the Mandalay Beach Resort in Oxnard, CA. Noteworthy guests include the Air Force I



Linda Hundevadt Pew '65 unveiled her life-sized bronze sculpture of the patron saints of Redlands, CA, twin brothers Albert K. and Alfred H. Smiley, on March 17, 1992. Linda was commissioned to create the bronze tribute in 1990 by the Arts and Cultural Commission of the city of Redlands.

pilots when President Bush is in California, John Travolta, Betty White, Leslie Nielsen, and others.

**'72** Charles Johnson is living near Henderson, KY, and is managing Meadow Hill Farms. He has a 13-year-old daughter.

Phyllis Blumberg Kosherick is director of the Geriatric Educational Development Unit at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

J. Frederick Price won the March Democratic primary for Kent County (MD) Circuit Judge.

Karen Dembinsky Weatherholtz has been appointed to the Board of Directors of McCormick & Co. Inc. Karen has been vice president of human relations for McCormick since 1988 and is the first woman director of the 103-year-old spice and specialty foods company based in Sparks, MD.

Loretta West is a senior large accounts underwriter (20 years this year) with Sentry Insurance Co. in Massachusetts. She is a CPCU, active in local politics (Republican), the Massachusetts Association of Insurance Women, and her Neighborhood Association.

**'73** Sharon Toher Strouse is an art therapist at Sheppard Pratt Hospital near Baltimore.

**'74** Christine Dirschauer Matteo is the Chief of Public Service for the Ocean County Library, New Jersey's largest county library system. Last May Chris went to St. Croix on an Earthwatch expedition to "Save the Leatherback Turtle."

**'75** Jerry Moye has been appointed Southeast technical service manager by Cobb-Vantress Inc. Jerry will be responsible for all technical service management for the Southeastern US and will be working out of the Gainesville, GA office.

Mary Moyer Silvestri is teaching deaf and hard of hearing elementary students in the Danbury, CT, school system. This is her 14th year of teaching. Mary has three children: Muffy 13, Julia 10, and Mikey 5.

**'76** Anne Bailey-Spruance lives in Asheville, NC, and is on the staff of the Carolina Senior Citizen News Magazine, a monthly tabloid. She hears from Janet Budd McGee '77 and, for old time's sake, would love to hear from Larry Fox '77.

Jessica Siegel Jamner has her Master of Arts in Occupational Therapy and her Neurodevelopmental Certificate, and is working in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Norwalk (CT) Hospital specializing in pediatrics. Jessica has two children, ages 5 and 2.

Taryn Smith Moody is a systems engineer with AT&T Bell Labs in Lincroft, NJ.

Mary Beth Wildemann is a senior attorney in the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, U.S. Department of Treasury in Washington, DC.

**'78** Mary Ellen Aiken Lyman is a school counselor at the junior high school in Lake Havasu City, AZ, where she has been teaching for 11 years. She will complete her master's degree in education this summer. She is accompanying a group of students on a tour of Washington, D.C. in April and has hopes of getting in touch with Mark, Mike, "Briggsy," and other fellow teachers from the class of '78.

Claire Wilton Pula has been ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and she has received a call to serve as a chaplain with the MCOSSE Hospice Program. Claire and her husband, the Rev. Carlos Wilton '78, live in Point Pleasant, NJ, with their two children. Carlos is the pastor of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church.

**'79** Kay Morris Sweezy taught first grade at Kent School in Chestertown for 11 years. She now helps her husband train La-

brador retrievers near Chestertown. They winter train labs near Dallas, TX, for Retriever Field Trials.

**'80** Mark Chapman is an account executive with Martin-Schaffer, Inc., a full service advertising and public relations agency in Bethesda, MD. He works mostly with business-to-business, high tech, and biotech accounts.

Timothy Hollywood is a district manager for William House Paper Co. in Spencefield, GA. He and his wife, Melanie, recently had a baby girl (see Births).

Ann Dorsey Horner has been named managing director of Du Pont Pharmaceuticals, United Kingdom subsidiary of Du Pont Merck Pharmaceutical Co. Ann is living in Preston near Hitchen, Hertfordshire, England.

Rita McWilliams' article "Why Aren't Pro-lifers and Pro-choicers Pro-contraception?" was published in the July/August 1991 issue of *The Washingtonian Magazine*.

Elizabeth Montcalm-Mazzili graduated

from the Uniformed Services University of The Health Sciences in May 1991 with a Ph.D. in physiology. She is now a Lieutenant in the Navy's Medical Service Corps and is stationed at the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute in Bethesda, MD, where she is studying the effects of ionizing radiation on the gastrointestinal tract.

Stephen Morse and his bride, Helena, are living in Beijing, China, where he is working as an independent TV producer, making news spots, corporate videos, and documentaries.

**'81** Dave Panasci is a radiologist at Downstate Medical Center in New York.

Larry Stahl is at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas supervising the scene shop for the Theatre Department and occasionally directing plays.

Nancy Trinquero Sprynezynatyk teaches at Dickinson State University (ND) and has contracts with the University and St. John's Hospital to counsel trauma and abuse victims.

**'82** Sarah Smith is a certified aerobic instructor teaching in Bowie (MD) and is working in sales at the Bowie Racquet and Fitness Club.

Roger Vaughan has his MS in Applied Statistics and his Doctorate in Biostatistics, both from Columbia University. He is doing bio-medical research at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center.

**'83** Becky Chambers Mitchell is in the Psychology master's program at Antioch University in Seattle, WA.

Denise Dankert, Lisa Nichols '84, and Laura Mooney '85 highly recommend the Rio Grande Cafe in Bethesda, MD.

**'84** Karen Morgan Bucklee is living in Lititz, PA, with her husband, Andrew '82 and their 15-month-old daughter, Elizabeth. Karen, a real estate sales agent, belongs to the Junior League of Lancaster and is working on the League's project, "Substance Abuse Babies." Karen writes: "We train and work with therapists who counsel new mothers who abused drugs or alcohol dur-

## Deaths

Marie Christine Stokes '13 of Washington, D.C., died on January 26, 1992 of pneumonia. Miss Stokes was raised in Kent County, MD, and after graduating from Washington College taught in Maryland public schools for five years. In 1918 Miss Stokes entered the U.S. government service. When she retired she was supervisor in the Central Search Room of the National Archives. She is survived by one sister and one brother.

Russell M. Bennett '28 of Gold River, CA, died on February 10, 1992 of cancer. He spent his life in the food business and had contracts with the federal government to run five cafeterias. He also managed a restaurant in Denver, CO. Mr. Bennett is buried in Vienna, MD and is survived by his wife, Lucille.

Gladys Coucill Garber Shifflet '33 of New Market, VA, died on January 31, 1992. Mrs. Shifflet was a teacher and librarian in schools in Delaware and West Virginia. She is survived by two sons, four grandchildren, and eight grandchildren.

John R. Smithson '34 of Annapolis, MD, died February 16, 1992 of respiratory arrest. After graduating from Washington College, Mr. Smithson was graduated from Indiana University and The Catho-

lic University of America, with a doctorate in physics. He was a physics professor at the Naval Academy for 35 years, retiring in 1982. He had been a research scientist at Hudson Laboratories of Columbia University and The Chesapeake Bay Institute at Johns Hopkins University, and a visiting lecturer at the University of Maryland. Mr. Smithson was a World War II veteran and the recipient of several medals. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, two daughters, one stepson, and five grandchildren.

Mary Gwyn (Patsy) Branham Atwater '41 of Greencastle, IN, died on December 21, 1991. Mrs. Atwater was a resident of Baltimore, MD, for many years and had moved to Greencastle in early 1991. She is survived by three daughters, three sisters, one of whom is Peggy Branham Vandervoort '41, six grandchildren, and seven stepgrandchildren.

George J. Pinto, Jr. '42 of Newark, DE, died of heart failure on February 23, 1992. Mr. Pinto retired in 1978 from Delmarva Power as vice president of administrative services after 31 years. He served in the Navy during World War II and was active in Newark and Wilmington civic affairs. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Rebekah Patterson Pinto '42, one son, one daughter, one brother, and six grandchildren.

Paul M. Llewellyn '48 of Ahoskie, NC, died on March 1, 1990 of cancer. He was a vet-

eran of World War II and a retired civil service employee of NASA and NOAA. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Clark Llewellyn '48, three children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Jack W. Earnshaw '49 died of cancer on January 5, 1992 in Parkville, MD. Jack taught in the Baltimore City School System and served as principal of four Baltimore County elementary schools. He served as a flight engineer and top turret gunner on a B-24 on 29 bombing missions over Europe during World War II. Jack is survived by his wife, two daughters, two sons, his mother, and five grandchildren.

Emmanuel E. A. Colitti '54 of Battle Creek, MI, died November 15, 1990.

Gerald Belcher, former faculty, died on October 20, 1991 of brain cancer. Dr. Belcher taught history at WC from 1970 to 1973 when he left to teach at Beaver College, Glenside, PA. He remained at Beaver until his death.

R. Virginia Speiden, former WC librarian, of Chestertown, MD, died November 15, 1991. Mrs. Speiden worked as a librarian at WC for 18 years, retiring in 1980. She then owned and operated a knit and craft shop in Chestertown until 1988. She is survived by one son, six daughters, two brothers, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

ing their pregnancies. Many of their newborns are HIV positive. The work is very challenging and rewarding."

Barry Glassman, former SGA president, is serving his second year of a four-year term as the youngest Republican member to be elected to the Harford County Council. Glassman, who serves as vice president, was elected in 1990 by a 1,500-vote margin to the seven member Council, replacing an eight-year incumbent.

Patty Stille Lederman is living in Salisbury, MD. She is the managing editor of *Healthcare Trends and Transitions* magazine.

Deborah Furgueson Khosia is on maternity leave until September 1992 (see Births) from her job as a teacher of Special Education with the Fairfax County (VA) Public School system.

Pam Pedrick lives in Washington, D.C. and is employed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Judy Skelton Spann has moved to Japan while her husband, who is a public affairs officer in the Navy, serves a three-year tour of duty.

**'85** Kimberly Pendergast Delgado is the Technical Director for Champion International Corp. Kim and her husband live in Stamford, CT, with their two children, ages 4 and 1.

Lisa Griffith is working as a technical writer in Newark, DE. She has been married for two years to Anthony Mancari.

Cynda Hill completed a postgraduate course in pediatric dentistry in 1991 and is practicing in Charleston, SC. Cynda was married during August 1991 and writes that she is "doing great, very happy, and looking forward to moving back to the Eastern Shore after her husband finishes his oral surgery residency."

Molly Hussman has started her own outerwear company, Molly New York. "Perfect coats for the WC gal!"

Lisa Griffith Mancari is working as a technical writer in Newark, DE.

**'86** Victor DeSantis received his doctorate in political science from the American University, Washington, D.C. in December 1991. He is an assistant professor of public administration in the Department of Political Science at the University of North Texas in Denton.

Lisa Thomas Hewett and her husband, Bill, are living in Nashville, TN, where Lisa is

managing an Ann Taylor store. Lisa reports that Linda Kennedy is a first year student at Vermont Law School, Jackie Loughman '87 is a lawyer in Wilmington, DE, and Mary Courtney is on sabbatical in New York.

Odette Powers Newton has moved to Texas where she and her husband plan to build a house in the country north of Dallas.

Brennan C. Noall has been promoted to the position of international banking officer, International Services, by The Huntington National Bank of Cleveland, OH.

Jennifer Sapp is living in Phoenix, MD, and is the director of a specialized facility within Manor Care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and/or related disorders.

**'87** Laura Brown Deen works for HRS Foster Care Unit with older teenagers who are in foster care. She also manages Deen's Dry Kleeners in Trenton, FL.

Alison Shorter will be finishing up her tour at the American Embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, this spring.

**'88** Chris Fascatta graduated from Widener University School of Law last May and is employed with Rodgers & Dickerson in Timonium, MD. He is a member of the Maryland bar and the Federal bar.

Karen Hinson is a residential teacher for an environmental education program on Smith Island, MD. Various schools visit for a week at a time and Karen has developed the interdisciplinary curriculum for the program.

Bill Jones is out of the Air Force, married, and attending Franklin Pierce School of Law in New Hampshire.

**'89** Elizabeth Rexton Howard is an editor for *Current Science*, a medical journal, in Philadelphia. She lives in Haddonfield, NJ.

Cynthia Keighton is State Director for Children's Choice, a private specialized foster care agency in Dover, DE. She is in the process of becoming certified in reality therapy.

**'90** Steve Attias is an account executive in the U.S. Accessories Division of Black & Decker in Baltimore, MD.

April Butterworth is working on her MA in Rehabilitation Counseling at the University of Maryland and is employed by First Rehabilitation Resources, Inc. Her duties include job development, testing, counseling, and lots of driving.

Fred Connolly expects to graduate this summer from Louisiana State University with a Master of Science in Agriculture Economics.

Sheri Christopher Darling is operational director of child care services at Generation to Generation, Inc. in Federalsburg, MD. The day care center focuses on intergenerational services by bringing senior citizens into the program to interact with children.

Brian Kelly is employed by CNET, a subsidiary of National Data Corporation, as an account representative handling Harford, Cecil, Baltimore, and Carroll Counties in Maryland. Randy Capel '88 is Brian's roommate.

Meg Murray is living in Elkton, MD, and teaching 6th, 7th and 8th grade social studies in Rising Sun, MD. Chris Driscoll is her roommate and is working in Elkton.

**'91** Jennifer Crouch is enrolled in a part-time graduate experimental psychology program at Towson State University (MD). She is taking a Learning Human Engineering Laboratory on the Aviation Team where she performs human factors research on helicopter cockpits and displays.

Kelli Farrell is the assistant director of a daycamp in Cockeysville (MD) and is developing a counselor-in-training program for 13-year-olds. Kelli is enrolled in the teacher certification program at Towson State University and plans to teach kindergarten-third grade.

Greg Hay is working for Skytel Corporation as an account executive for the Chicagoland area.

Rondi Jensen Howell is teaching art, home economics, health, social studies and gifted and talented to grades one through eight at Rock Hall (MD) Middle and Elementary Schools. Rondi will be opening an art studio in Rock Hall and will be teaching painting beginning sometime this summer.

Jill Reppert is enrolled in a Ph.D. program in Experimental Psychology at the University of South Carolina. She was awarded a full assistantship as well as a Rhyde M. Patterson Graduate Fellowship for Women.

Don Steele, who wrote his senior thesis on Jackie Robinson and the integration of baseball, is now an historical baseball researcher with Mitchell and Ness Co. in Philadelphia, a producer and marketer of baseball uniforms and memorabilia.

**M '91** Shirley Wilson is a counselor for both ACT and SLC and will become a certified reality therapist this June.

# CURRENTS

## Reflections On Commencement 50 Years Ago

by Professor Richard Striner

The Washington College community celebrated its 50th anniversary of coeducation under the sombre cloud of war. Six months earlier the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor had plunged the United States into the second World War.

The College had chosen three distinguished women to receive honorary degrees: Sophie Kerr, the celebrated writer from Denton; Mary Adele France, the Washington College alumna who served as the principal of St. Mary's Seminary and Junior College; and Eleanor Roosevelt, the nation's First Lady. Mrs. Roosevelt was to be presented with an honorary doctorate of laws after she delivered the College's commencement address. As the graduating seniors and guests assembled in the old Cain Gymnasium on May 25, 1942, it was taken for granted that Mrs. Roosevelt's speech would touch upon themes of national interest, and the Mutual Broadcasting System had arranged to carry the address to a nationwide radio audience.

Mrs. Roosevelt did not mince words, and she bluntly observed that "some of you boys are going directly into the Service. You are following the traditions; namely, that we should be ready to die for our country when we are asked to do so." But even as the minds of her listeners were probably conjuring up visions of combat, Mrs. Roosevelt told her audience that "we should be willing to live for our

country in exactly the same way and with the same amount of sacrifice that we put into the occasions when we are asked to die for it." Both in peace and in war, "the responsibility today is as heavy on the girls who graduate as on the boys."

Part of the reason why Americans faced the task of participation in another world war, Mrs. Roosevelt said, was because of the failure to shoulder the burdens of responsible living in peacetime. Reminiscing about her own generation, Mrs. Roosevelt recalled that "I faced young people before the last War (because I am a very old lady) and I can remember that they went out with just the same high purpose and determination that you are going out with." But after the armistice that ended World War I, "the living for that purpose was less high than the dying for it had been." Americans had shirked their responsibilities during the 1920s; they had flagged in their determination to keep on striving for a better world. They were tired, and they had had enough of the hard work that idealism requires.

"We are going to be tired again," Mrs. Roosevelt warned, "so it is going to be a question of being able to go on fighting for something that you believe in, no matter how tired you are. It is not going to be easy. I think a great deal of the responsibility of achievement lies with those who stay at home . . . and for whom you are fighting."

Eleanor Roosevelt told the graduating women of Washington College that they were "going to work." "I do not believe that we are going into a world where anybody is going to be idle. I think everybody is going to pull his weight in the boat in the years to come. You may pull it in your home; but, wherever you are, you are going to work; and work to the maximum of

your ability. . . because the world is not going to be an easy world."

Mrs. Roosevelt pointedly invited the women graduates of Washington College to take up the challenges of leadership. Reflecting on the civic contributions of women, she stated that "in the years since women have had the vote there is a great deal more consideration given to social questions." But she also spoke about higher education as a social privilege with moral and social obligations. She was "sure that those first girls who came here" possessed both "a great sense of the privilege which was theirs" and "also of the responsibilities which went with that privilege."

But the American sense of responsibility — among people of both sexes — was less than dependable. "As time has gone on," she continued, "I think perhaps some of us who have had that privilege as women have forgotten that with it went a very great responsibility." It was absolutely no good, she said, to protest that one cannot make a difference. "Young people say to me, 'But how are we going to register? We don't count. Nobody listens to us.'

"Oh, but they will if you use your citizenship, if you really think things through, if you know what you mean by the American way, if you know what you mean by being a citizen of the world, if you know what you want, and if you know how to use citizenship in a democracy." The world of 1942, she said, had "possibilities for great good and great bad. And what it really becomes lies largely in your hands."

*Dr. Richard Striner, associate professor of history at Washington College, serves on the Centenary of Coeducation Committee.*

## *College Events*

### **July 19**

Baltimore Chapter Crab Feast at Oregon Ridge. For more information call Rich Denison '78 (410) 366-7145.

### **August 1**

Boston Chapter Orioles vs. Red Sox, 1 p.m. at Fenway Park. For box seats call Tom Tansi '85 (617) 575-2065.

### **August 15**

Philadelphia Chapter Crab Picnic at Jim Spencer's. For more information call Phil Heaver '83 (215) 430-8072.

### **August 27**

New students arrive on campus for orientation.

### **August 28 - 29**

Drama Production by the Actors Community Theatre, Norman James Theatre. Evenings at 8 p.m., Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

### **August 31**

Undergraduate classes begin.

### **September 3**

Fall Convocation, Tawes Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Honored Guests: Ernest L. Boyer, President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and James G. Nelson, Director of the Wye Institute.

### **September 12**

Kent and Queen Anne's Chapter Flea Market, Campus Lawn. For more information call Arlene Hawkridge '82 (410) 348-2234.

### **September 19**

Alumni Council Retreat.

### **October 2**

Third Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament at Turf Valley, Ellicott City. For more information call John Tansey '73 (410) 532-2538.

### **October 3**

Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony, Hodson Hall.

### **October 9**

First concert in the Washington College Concert Series: The Concerto Soloists, Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

Subsequent concerts in the '92-'93 season include Paul Mallet, piano; Kyung Sun Lee, violin; The Ravel Trio, and The Western Wind. For subscription information call 778-2600, ext. 209.

### **October 13**

The Goldstein Program in Public Affairs presents Eugene McCarthy, discussing the 1992 Presidential Campaign, 7:30 p.m., Hyson Lounge. The following day Mr. McCarthy will discuss "Poetry and Politics," time and place to be announced.

### **October 16**

Fall Weekend.

### **October 17-18**

Boston Chapter and WC Crew Reunion at the Head of the Charles. For more information call Tom Tansi '85 (617) 575-2065.

### **October 31**

Fall Parents Day.

### **November 22**

Baltimore Chapter Annual Bull and Oyster Roast. For more information call Rich Denison '78 (410) 366-7145.

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### **THOMAS J. MAHER**

**HOME:** Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

**PROFESSION:** President of Thomas J. Maher & Company, Inc., a Philadelphia-based commercial mortgage banking firm.

**GIVING LEVEL:** 1782 Society

**PROFILE:** A member of the Board of Visitors and Governors, Tom serves on the Finance, Development, and Executive committees. For three years he chaired the Parents' Fund, last year raising a record total of \$122,040. Currently, he is spearheading the fundraising efforts for a major renovation of Hodson Hall, to provide an expanded, multi-purpose student activities center including a student cafe, arcade, study lounge, and terrace for outdoor events.

He has been involved with the College since 1979 when his son, Tom, enrolled as a freshman. His involvement increased when his daughter, Jenna, transferred as a sophomore and became a member of the women's rowing team.

**VIEWS ON WC:** "I was impressed with the similarities of running a small college and a small business. I was even more impressed with the impact of giving to a small college. Any gift, large or small, was meaningful. Feedback was instantaneous; from the administration, the faculty and even from the students. It has been a very satisfactory association."

**WHY I GIVE:** "I give to Washington College because it satisfies three beliefs of mine. I believe that we have an obligation to nurture the system; I believe that the liberal arts education is an imperative to meeting the demands of a long journey towards civilization; I need to thank Washington College for the educational and social opportunities it provided my son and daughter and our extended WC family. They and the friends they found are good citizens today because of their time at Washington College."

